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## AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2006) (a) As used in this section
- 2 and sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act:
- 3 (1) "Collaborative" means the Connecticut Finance Collaborative;
- 4 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Business and
- 5 Employment; and
- 6 (3) "Department" means the Department of Business and
- 7 Employment.
- 8 (b) There is hereby created as a body politic and corporate,
- 9 constituting a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the
- 10 state created for the performance of an essential public and
- 11 governmental function, the Connecticut Finance Collaborative which is
- 12 empowered to carry out the purposes of the collaborative, as provided

- in section 2 of this act, which are hereby determined to be public purposes for which public funds may be expended. The Connecticut Finance Collaborative shall not be construed to be a department, institution or agency of the state.
- 17 (c) The board of directors of the collaborative shall consist of the 18 Commissioner of Business and Employment, the State Treasurer and 19 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, each serving ex 20 officio, a chairperson and four members appointed by the Governor 21 who shall be experienced in the field of financial lending or the 22 development of commerce, trade, technology and business and four 23 members appointed as follows: One by the president pro tempore of 24 the Senate, one by the minority leader of the Senate, one by the speaker 25 of the House of Representatives and one by the minority leader of the 26 House of Representatives. Each ex-officio member may designate a 27 deputy or any member of the agency staff to represent the member at 28 meetings of the collaborative with full powers to act and vote on the 29 member's behalf. Each member appointed by the Governor shall serve 30 at the pleasure of the Governor but no longer than the term of office of 31 the Governor or until the member's successor is appointed and 32 qualified, whichever is longer. Each member appointed by a member 33 of the General Assembly shall serve in accordance with the provisions 34 of section 4-1a of the general statutes. Members shall receive no 35 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred 36 in the performance of their duties. Any vacancy on the board shall be 37 filled for the unexpired term by the appointing authority of such 38 member. Any member of the board may be removed by the Governor 39 for misfeasance, malfeasance or wilful neglect of duty.
  - (d) Each member of the collaborative before entering upon his or her duties shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation required by article XI, section 1, of the State Constitution. A record of each such oath shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the State. Each member of the board of directors of the collaborative shall execute a surety bond in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, or, in lieu

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- thereof, the chairperson of the board shall execute a blanket position bond covering each member and the chief executive officer and the employees of the collaborative, each surety bond to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the office or offices covered, to be executed by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state as surety and to be approved by the Attorney General and filed in the office of the Secretary of the State. The cost of each such bond shall be paid by the collaborative.
  - (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the law, it shall not constitute a conflict of interest for a trustee, director, partner or officer of any person, firm or corporation or any individual having a financial interest in a person, firm or corporation to serve as a member of the board of directors of the collaborative; provided such trustee, director, partner or officer of any person, firm or corporation or any individual having a financial interest in a person, firm or corporation shall file with the collaborative a record of his capacity with or interest in such person and abstain and absent himself from any deliberation, action and vote by the board in specific respect to such person.
    - (f) The board shall annually elect one of its members as vice chairperson. Meetings of the board shall be held at such times as shall be specified in the bylaws adopted by the board and at such other time or times as the chairperson or the board deems necessary.
    - (g) The board of directors of the collaborative shall adopt written procedures, in accordance with the provisions of section 1-121 of the general statutes, for: (1) Adopting an annual budget and plan of operations, including a requirement of board approval before the budget or plan may take effect; (2) hiring, promoting and compensating employees of the collaborative, including an affirmative action policy and a requirement of board approval before a position may be created or a vacancy filled; (3) purchasing, leasing or acquiring real and personal property and personal services, including a requirement of board approval for any nonbudgeted expenditure in

78 excess of five thousand dollars; (4) contracting for financial, legal, bond underwriting and other professional services, including a requirement 79 80 that the collaborative solicit proposals at least once every three years 81 for each such service which it uses; (5) issuing and retiring bonds, 82 bond anticipation notes and other obligations of the collaborative; (6) 83 awarding loans, grants and other financial assistance, including 84 eligibility criteria, the application process and the role played by the 85 collaborative's staff and board of directors and including deadlines for 86 the approval or disapproval of applications for such assistance by the 87 collaborative; and (7) the use of surplus funds to the extent authorized 88 under this section and sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act.

- (h) Neither members of the board of directors of the collaborative nor any person executing the notes and bonds shall be liable personally on the notes or bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.
- 93 (i) The powers of the collaborative shall be vested in and exercised 94 by not less than seven of the members of the board of directors then in 95 office. Such number of members shall constitute a quorum and the 96 affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting of 97 the board shall be necessary for any action taken by the collaborative. 98 No vacancy in the membership of the board shall impair the right to 99 exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the collaborative. 100 Any action taken by the board under the provisions of this section and 101 sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act may be authorized by resolution at 102 any regular or special meeting, and each such resolution shall take 103 effect immediately and need not be published or posted. The 104 collaborative shall be exempt from the provisions of section 4-9a of the 105 2006 supplement to the general statutes.
  - (j) The board of directors of the collaborative may delegate to three or more of its members such board powers and duties as it may deem proper. At least one of such members shall not be a state employee.
- (k) The collaborative shall continue, as long as it shall have bonds or

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- other obligations outstanding and until its existence is terminated by
- law. Upon the termination of the existence of the collaborative, all its
- 112 rights and properties shall pass to and be vested in the state of
- 113 Connecticut.
- (1) The collaborative shall be subject to examination by the State
- 115 Treasurer. The accounts of the collaborative shall be subject to annual
- audits by the State Auditors of Public Accounts.
- 117 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2006) (a) The purposes of the
- 118 Connecticut Finance Collaborative shall be:
- 119 (1) To support the economic, workforce and community
- development policies, programs, goals and strategies of the state;
- 121 (2) To discharge the responsibilities of the collaborative under
- sections 1 to 8, inclusive, of this act, chapters 187, 578, 579, 581, 584,
- 123 5881, 588n, 588r and 588u of the general statutes, and any other
- 124 provisions of the general statutes or any public or special act setting
- 125 forth or governing the powers and duties of the collaborative;
- 126 (3) To stimulate and encourage the research and development of
- new technologies and products, to encourage the creation and transfer
- of new technologies, to assist existing businesses in adopting current
- 129 and innovative technological processes, to stimulate and provide
- services to industry that will advance the adoption and utilization of
- technology, to achieve improvements in the quality of products and
- services, to stimulate and encourage the development and operation of
- 133 new and existing science parks and incubator facilities, and to promote
- 134 science, engineering, mathematics and other disciplines that are
- essential to the development and application of technology within
- 136 Connecticut by the infusion of financial aid for research, invention and
- innovation in situations in which such financial aid would not
- otherwise be reasonably available from commercial or other sources:
- 139 (4) To assist institutions for higher education, health care

- institutions, nursing homes, child care or child development facilities, and qualified nonprofit organizations in the construction, financing and refinancing of projects or in any other manner provided by law.
- (b) For the purposes of subsection (a) of this section the collaborative shall have the following powers, in addition to any others provided by law:
- 146 (1) To have perpetual succession as a body corporate and to adopt 147 bylaws, policies and procedures for the regulation of its affairs and 148 conduct of its businesses as provided by law;
- (2) To solicit, receive and accept aid, grants or contributions from any source of money, property or labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied to carry out the purposes of the collaborative, subject to the conditions upon which such grants and contributions may be made, including, but not limited to, gifts or grants from any department or agency of the United States or the state;
  - (3) To employ such assistants, agents and other employees as may be necessary or desirable, which employees shall be exempt from the classified service and shall not be employees, as defined in subsection (b) of section 5-270 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes; establish all necessary or appropriate personnel practices and policies, including those relating to hiring, promotion, compensation, retirement and collective bargaining, which need not be in accordance with chapter 68 of the general statutes, and the collaborative shall not be an employer as defined in subsection (a) of said section 5-270; and engage consultants, attorneys and appraisers as may be necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes in accordance with this chapter;
  - (4) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this act;
- 169 (5) To sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, adopt a seal and

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- 170 alter the same at pleasure;
- 171 (6) To maintain an office at such place or places within the state as it 172 may designate;
- 173 (7) To invest in, acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and 174 dispose of real property and lease, convey or deal in or enter into 175 agreements with respect to such property on any terms necessary or 176 incidental to the carrying out of these purposes; provided, however, 177 that all such acquisitions of real property for the collaborative's own 178 use with amounts appropriated by the state to the collaborative or 179 with the proceeds of bonds supported by the full faith and credit of the 180 state shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Office of 181 Policy and Management and the provisions of section 4b-23 of the 2006 182 supplement to the general statutes;
  - (8) To acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and dispose of personal property, and lease, convey or deal in or enter into agreements with respect to such property on any terms necessary or incidental to the carrying out of these purposes;
  - (9) To account for and audit funds of the collaborative and funds of any recipients of financial aid from the collaborative;
- (10) With the approval of the State Treasurer, to invest any funds not needed for immediate use or disbursement, including any funds held in reserve, in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or the state of Connecticut and in other obligations which are legal investments for municipalities or retirement funds in this state;
- 195 (11) To procure insurance against any loss in connection with its 196 property and other assets in such amounts and from such insurers as it 197 deems desirable;
- 198 (12) To the extent permitted under its contract with other persons, to 199 consent to any termination, modification, forgiveness or other change

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- of any term of any contractual right, payment, royalty, contract or agreement of any kind to which the collaborative is a party;
- 202 (13) In connection with any application for assistance under or 203 commitments therefor, to make and collect such fees as the 204 collaborative shall determine to be reasonable;
- 205 (14) To hold patents, copyrights, trademarks, marketing rights, 206 licenses, or any other evidences of protection or exclusivity as to any 207 products as defined herein, issued under the laws of the United States 208 or any state or any nation;
- 209 (15) To borrow money or accept gifts, grants or loans of funds, 210 property or service from any source, public or private, and comply, 211 subject to the provisions of law, with the terms and conditions thereof;
  - (16) To insure any or all payments to be made by the borrower under the terms of any agreement for the extension of credit or making of a loan by the collaborative in connection with any economic development project to be financed, wholly or in part, through the issuance of bonds or mortgage payments of any mortgage which is given by a mortgagor to the mortgagee who has provided the mortgage for an economic development project upon such terms and conditions as the collaborative may prescribe and as provided herein, and the faith and credit of the state are pledged thereto;
  - (17) To request for its guidance, in connection with any project, a finding of the municipal planning commission, or, if there is no planning commission, a finding of the municipal officers of the municipality in which the economic development project is proposed to be located, or of the regional planning agency of which such municipality is a member, as to the expediency and advisability of the economic development project;
- 228 (18) To advise the Governor, the General Assembly, the 229 Commissioner of Business and Employment and the Commissioner of

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(19) (A) To accept from the Department of Business and Employment: (i) Financial assistance, (ii) revenues or the right to receive revenues with respect to any program under the supervision of the department, and (iii) loan assets or equity interests in connection with any program under the supervision of the department; (B) to make advances to and reimburse the department for any expenses incurred or to be incurred by it in the delivery of such assistance, revenues, rights, assets, or interests; (C) to enter into agreements for the delivery of services by the collaborative, in consultation with the department, or the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, to third parties which agreements may include provisions for payment by the department to the collaborative for the delivery of such services; and (D) to enter into agreements with the department or the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority for the sharing of assistants, agents and other consultants, professionals and employees, and facilities and other real and personal property used in the conduct of the affairs of the Connecticut Finance Collaborative;

(20) To transfer to the Department of Business and Employment: (A) Financial assistance, (B) revenues or the right to receive revenues with respect to any program under the supervision of the collaborative, and (C) loan assets or equity interests in connection with any program under the supervision of the collaborative, provided the transfer of such financial assistance, revenues, rights, assets or interests is determined by the collaborative to be practicable, within the constraints and not inconsistent with the fiduciary obligations of the collaborative imposed upon or established upon the collaborative by any provision of the general statutes, the collaborative's bond resolutions or any other agreement or contract of the collaborative and to have no adverse effect on the tax-exempt status of any bonds of the

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(21) To do all acts and things necessary and convenient to carry out the purposes of sections 1 to 8, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2006) (a) The Connecticut Finance Collaborative may form one or more subsidiaries to carry out the public purposes of the collaborative and may transfer to any such subsidiary any moneys and real or personal property of any kind or nature. Any such subsidiary may be organized as a stock or nonstock corporation or a limited liability company. Each such subsidiary shall have and may exercise such powers of the collaborative as are set forth in the resolution of the collaborative prescribing the purposes for which such subsidiary is formed and such other powers provided to it by law. Each such subsidiary shall be deemed a quasi-public agency for purposes of chapter 12 of the general statutes and shall have all the privileges, immunities, tax exemptions and other exemptions of the collaborative, including the privileges, immunities, tax exemptions and other exemptions provided under the general statutes for special capital reserve funds. Each such subsidiary shall be subject to suit provided its liability shall be limited solely to the assets, revenues and resources of the subsidiary and without recourse to the general funds, revenues, resources or any other assets of the collaborative. Each such subsidiary is authorized to assume or take title to property subject to any existing lien, encumbrance or mortgage and to mortgage, convey or dispose of its assets and pledge its revenues in order to secure any borrowing, provided each such borrowing or mortgage shall be a special obligation of the subsidiary, which obligation may be in the form of bonds, bond anticipation notes and other obligations to the extent permitted under this chapter to fund and refund the same and provide for the rights of the holders thereof, and to secure the same by pledge or revenues, notes and other assets and which shall be payable solely from the assets, revenues and other resources of the subsidiary. The collaborative shall have the power to assign to a subsidiary any rights, moneys or other assets it has under any governmental program

including the nursing home loan program. No borrowing shall be undertaken by a subsidiary of the collaborative without the approval of the collaborative.

- (b) (1) The collaborative may establish one or more subsidiaries to stimulate, encourage and carry out the remediation, development and financing of contaminated property within this state, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection, and to provide financial, developmental and environmental expertise to others including, but not limited to, municipalities, interested in or undertaking such remediation, development or financing which are determined to be public purposes for which public funds may be expended. Each subsidiary shall be deemed a quasi-public agency for purposes of chapter 12 of the general statutes. The collaborative may transfer to any such subsidiary any moneys and real or personal property. Each such subsidiary shall have all the privileges, immunities, tax exemptions and other exemptions of the collaborative.
- (2) Each such subsidiary may sue and shall be subject to suit provided the liability of each such subsidiary shall be limited solely to the assets, revenues and resources of such subsidiary and without recourse to the general funds, revenues, resources or any other assets of the collaborative or any other subsidiary. No such subsidiary may provide for any bonded indebtedness of the state for the cost of any liability or contingent liability for the remediation of contaminated real property unless such indebtedness is specifically authorized by an act of the General Assembly. Each such subsidiary shall have the power to do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this subsection, section 12-81r of the general statutes, subsection (h) of section 22a-133m of the general statutes, subsection (a) of section 22a-133x of the general statutes, sections 22a-133aa, 22a-133bb and 22a-133dd of the general statutes, subsection (l) of section 22a-134 of the general statutes, and sections 22a-452f, 32-7e and 32-23pp to 32-23rr, inclusive, of the general statutes including, but not limited to, (A) solicit, receive and accept aid, grants or contributions

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from any source of money, property or labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied to carry out the purposes of this subsection, section 12-81r of the general statutes, subsection (h) of section 22a-133m of the general statutes, subsection (a) of section 22a-133x of the general statutes, sections 22a-133aa, 22a-133bb and 22a-133dd of the general statutes, subsection (l) of section 22a-134 of the general statutes, and sections 22a-452f, 32-7e and 32-23pp to 32-23rr, inclusive, of the general statutes subject to the conditions upon which such grants and contributions may be made, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants or loans, from any department, agency or quasi-public agency of the United States or the state; (B) enter into agreements with persons upon such terms and conditions as are consistent with the purposes of such subsidiary to acquire or facilitate the remediation, development or financing of contaminated real or personal property; (C) to acquire, take title, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and dispose of real and personal property and lease, convey or deal in or enter into agreements with respect to such property; (D) examine, inspect, rehabilitate, remediate or improve real or personal property or engage others to do so on such subsidiary's behalf, or enter into contracts therefor; (E) mortgage, convey or dispose of its assets and pledge its revenues in order to secure any borrowing, for the purpose of financing, refinancing, rehabilitating, remediating, improving or developing its assets, provided each such borrowing or mortgage shall be a special obligation of such subsidiary, which obligation may be in the form of notes, bonds, bond anticipation notes and other obligations issued by or to such subsidiary to the extent permitted under this chapter to fund and refund the same and provide for the rights of the holders thereof, and to secure the same by pledge of revenues, notes or other assets and which shall be payable solely from the assets, revenues and other resources of such subsidiary; (F) to create real estate investment trusts or similar entities or to become a member of a limited liability company or to become a partner in limited or general partnerships or establish other contractual arrangements with private and public sector entities as such subsidiary deems necessary to

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363 remediate, develop or finance environmentally contaminated property 364 in the state; and (G) any other powers enumerated in subsection (e) of 365 section 32-23 of the general statutes necessary or appropriate to carry 366 out the purposes of this subsection, subsection (h) of section 22a-133m 367 of the general statutes, subsection (a) of section 22a-133x of the general 368 statutes, sections 22a-133aa, 22a-133bb and 22a-133dd of the general 369 statutes, subsection (l) of section 22a-134 of the general statutes, and 370 sections 22a-452f, 32-7e and 32-23pp to 32-23rr, inclusive, of the general 371 statutes. The board of directors, executive director, officers and staff of 372 the collaborative may serve as members of any advisory or other board 373 which may be established to carry out the purposes of this subsection, 374 subsection (h) of section 22a-133m of the general statutes, subsection 375 (a) of section 22a-133x of the general statutes, sections 22a-133aa, 22a-376 133bb and 22a-133dd of the general statutes, subsection (l) of section 377 22a-134 of the general statutes, and sections 22a-452f, 32-7e and 32-378 23pp to 32-23rr, inclusive, of the general statutes.

- (b) Each such subsidiary shall act through its board of directors, at least one-half of which shall be members of the board of directors of the collaborative, or their designees, or officers or employees of the collaborative. A resolution of the collaborative shall prescribe the purposes for which each such subsidiary is formed.
- (c) The provisions of section 1-125 of the general statutes and this subsection shall apply to any officer, director, designee or employee appointed as a member, director or officer of any such subsidiary. Any such persons so appointed shall not be personally liable for the debts, obligations or liabilities of any such subsidiary as provided in said section 1-125. The subsidiary shall, and the collaborative may, provide for the indemnification to protect, save harmless and indemnify such officer, director, designee or employee as provided by said section 1-125.
- 393 (d) The collaborative, or such subsidiary, may take such actions as 394 are necessary to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue

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- Code of 1986 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, to qualify and maintain any such subsidiary as a corporation exempt from taxation under said internal revenue code.
- (e) The collaborative may make loans to each such subsidiary, following standard collaborative procedures, from its assets and the proceeds of its bonds, notes and other obligations, provided the source and security for the repayment of such loans is derived from the assets, revenues and resources of the subsidiary.
- Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) The board of directors of the Connecticut Finance Collaborative shall appoint a chief executive officer who shall not be a member of the board and such other officers as it determines. Such officers shall be exempt from the classified service, serve at the pleasure of the board and receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the board.
  - (b) The chief executive officer shall direct and supervise administrative affairs and technical activities in accordance with the directives of the board. He shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the board in carrying out the purposes of sections 1 to 8, inclusive, of this act and chapters 187, 578, 579, 581, 584, 5881, 588n, 588r and 588u of the general statutes. The chief executive officer shall attend all meetings of the board, keep a record of the proceedings of the board and shall maintain and be custodian of all books, documents and papers filed with the collaborative and of the minute book or journal of the collaborative and of its official seal. He may cause copies to be made of all minutes and other records and documents of the collaborative and may give certificates under the official seal of the collaborative to the effect that such copies are true copies, and all persons dealing with the collaborative may rely upon such certificates.
- Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The exercise of the powers vested in the Connecticut Finance Collaborative shall constitute the performance of an essential governmental function and the

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collaborative shall not be required to pay any taxes or assessments upon or in respect of a project, or any property or moneys of the collaborative, levied by any municipality or political subdivision or special district having taxing powers of the state, nor shall the collaborative be required to pay state taxes of any kind, and the collaborative, its projects, property and moneys and any bonds and notes issued under the provisions of sections 1 to 8, inclusive, of this act and chapters 187, 578, 579, 581, 584, 5881, 588n, 588r and 588u of the general statutes, their transfer and the income therefrom, including any profit made on the sale thereof, shall at all times be free from taxation of every kind by the state except for estate or succession taxes and by the municipalities and all other political subdivisions or special districts having taxing powers of the state; provided any person leasing a project from the collaborative shall pay to the municipality, or other political subdivision or special district having taxing powers in which such project is located, a payment in lieu of taxes which shall equal the taxes on real and personal property, including water and sewer assessments, which such lessee would have been required to pay had it been the owner of such property during the period for which such payment is made and neither the collaborative nor its projects, properties, money or bonds and notes shall be obligated, liable or subject to lien of any kind for the enforcement, collection or payment thereof. The sale of tangible personal property or services by the collaborative is exempt from the sales tax under chapter 219 of the general statutes, and the storage, use or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property or services purchased from the collaborative is exempt from the use tax under said chapter 219. If and to the extent the proceedings under which the bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of said chapters and sections so provide, the collaborative may agree to cooperate with the lessee of a project in connection with any administrative or judicial proceedings for determining the validity or amount of such payments and may agree to appoint or designate and reserve the right in and for such lessee to take all action which the collaborative may lawfully take in respect of

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such payments and all matters relating thereto, provided such lessee shall bear and pay all costs and expenses of the collaborative thereby incurred at the request of such lessee or by reason of any such action taken by such lessee in behalf of the collaborative. Any lessee of a project which has paid the amounts in lieu of taxes required by this section to be paid shall not be required to pay any such taxes in which a payment in lieu thereof has been made to the state or to any such municipality or other political subdivision or special district having taxing powers, any other statute to the contrary notwithstanding. Any industrial pollution control facility financed under said chapters and sections shall be subject to such approvals, as may be required by law, of any agency of the state and any agency of the United States having jurisdiction in the matter and, in the discretion of the collaborative, may be acquired, constructed or improved as part of or jointly with a pollution control facility undertaken by a municipality or political subdivision or special district having taxing powers in the state and the collaborative is authorized to cooperate and execute contracts with such a municipality or political subdivision or special district.

Sec. 6. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2006) (a) Not later than November first, annually, the Connecticut Finance Collaborative shall submit a report to the Governor, the Commissioner of Business and Employment, the Auditors of Public Accounts and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters Department of Business relating to the and Employment, appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and capital bonding, which shall include the following information with respect to new and outstanding financial assistance provided by the collaborative during the twelve-month period ending on June thirtieth next preceding the date of the report for each financial assistance program administered by the collaborative: (1) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of such assistance, (2) for each recipient: (A) The business activities, (B) the Standard Industrial Classification Manual codes, (C) the gross revenues during the recipient's most recent fiscal year, (D) the number of employees at the time of application, (E) whether the

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recipient is a minority or woman-owned business, (F) a summary of the terms and conditions for the assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance, job creation or retention requirements, and anticipated wage rates, and (G) the amount of investments from private and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by the assistance, (3) the economic benefit criteria used in determining which applications have been approved or disapproved, and (4) for each recipient of assistance, a comparison between the number of jobs to be created, the number of jobs to be retained and the average wage rates for each such category of jobs, as projected in the recipient's application, versus the actual number of jobs created, the actual number of jobs retained and the average wage rates for each such category. The report shall also indicate the actual number of fulltime jobs and the actual number of part-time jobs in each such category and the benefit levels for each such subcategory. In addition, the report shall state (A) for each final application approved during the twelvemonth period covered by the report, (i) the date that the final application was received by the collaborative, and (ii) the date of such approval; (B) for each final application withdrawn during the twelvemonth period covered by the report, (i) the municipality in which the applicant is located, (ii) the Standard Industrial Classification Manual code for the applicant, (iii) the date that the final application was received by the collaborative, and (iv) the date of such withdrawal; (C) for each final application disapproved during the twelve-month period covered by the report, (i) the municipality in which the applicant is located, (ii) the Standard Industrial Classification Manual code for the applicant, (iii) the date that the final application was received by the collaborative, and (iv) the date of such disapproval; and (D) for each final application on which no action has been taken by the applicant or the agency in the twelve-month period covered by the report and for which no report has been submitted under this subsection, (i) the municipality in which the applicant is located, (ii) the Standard Industrial Classification Manual code for the applicant, and (iii) the date that the final application was received by the collaborative. The

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- provisions of this subsection shall not apply to activities of the collaborative under the provisions of chapter 581 of the general statutes which shall continue to be reported on as provided in section 32-47a of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
- (b) The November first report shall also include a summary of the activities of the collaborative, including all activities to assist small businesses and minority business enterprises, as defined in section 4a-60g of the general statutes, a complete operating and financial statement and recommendations for legislation to promote the purposes of the collaborative.
- 539 Sec. 7. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2006) (a) (1) In accordance with the 540 provisions of section 4-38d of the general statutes, all powers and 541 duties of the Connecticut Development Authority under the provisions 542 of chapter 579 of the general statutes, shall be transferred to the 543 Connecticut Finance Collaborative established under section 1 of this 544 act. On and after the effective date of this section, the Connecticut 545 Brownfields Redevelopment Authority, a subsidiary 546 Connecticut Development Authority created pursuant to subsection (l) 547 of section 32-11a of the general statutes, shall be a subsidiary of the 548 Connecticut Finance Collaborative.
  - (2) All notes, bonds or other obligations issued by the Connecticut Development Authority for the financing of any project or projects shall be in accordance with their terms of full force and effect and valid and binding upon the collaborative as the successor to the Connecticut Development Authority and with respect to any resolution, contract, deed, trust agreement, mortgage, conditional sale or loan agreement, commitment, obligation or liability or other such document, public record, right, remedy, special act or public act, obligation, liability or responsibility pertaining thereto, the collaborative shall be, and shall be deemed to be, the successor to the Connecticut Development Authority. All properties, rights in land, buildings and equipment and any funds, moneys, revenues and receipts or assets of such

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collaborative pledged or otherwise securing any such notes, bonds or other obligations shall belong to the collaborative as successor to the Connecticut Development Authority, subject to such pledges and other security arrangements and to agreements with the holders of the outstanding notes, bonds or other obligations. Any resolution with respect to the issuance of bonds of the authority for the purposes of the act and any other action taken by the authority with respect to assisting in the financing of any project shall be, or shall be deemed to be, a resolution of the collaborative or an action taken by the collaborative subject only to any agreements with the holders of outstanding notes, bonds or other obligations of the authority.

(3) All notes, bonds or other obligations issued by the Connecticut Development Commission for the financing of any project or projects shall be in accordance with their terms of full force and effect and valid and binding upon the collaborative as the successor to the Connecticut Development Commission and with respect to any resolution, contract, deed, trust agreement, mortgage, conditional sale or loan agreement, commitment, obligation or liability or other such document, public record, right, remedy, special act or public act, obligation, liability responsibility pertaining thereto, or collaborative shall be, and shall be deemed to be, the successor to the Connecticut Development Commission. All properties, rights in land, buildings and equipment and any funds, moneys, revenues and receipts or assets of such commission pledged or otherwise securing any such notes, bonds or other obligations shall belong to the collaborative as successor to the Connecticut Development Commission, subject to such pledges and other security arrangements and to agreements with the holders of the outstanding notes, bonds or other obligations. Any resolution with respect to the issuance of bonds of the commission for the purposes of the act and any other action taken by the commission with respect to assisting in the financing of any project shall be, or shall be deemed to be, a resolution of the collaborative or an action taken by the authority subject only to any agreements with the holders of outstanding notes, bonds or other

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- obligations of the commission.
- 596 (4) Whenever the term "Connecticut Development Authority" is 597 used or referred to in the general statutes, the term "Connecticut 598 Finance Collaborative" shall be substituted in lieu thereof.
- 599 (b) (1) In accordance with the provisions of section 4-38d of the 600 general statutes, all powers, duties and personnel of Connecticut 601 Innovations, Incorporated under the provisions of chapter 581 of the 602 general statutes shall be transferred to the Connecticut Finance 603 Collaborative established under section 1 of this act. All cash, notes, 604 receivables, liabilities, appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and 605 other assets and properties of Connecticut Innovations, 606 Incorporated shall be transferred to the Connecticut Finance 607 Collaborative. Such transfer shall not affect the validity, enforceability 608 or binding nature of any contract or agreement for financial aid made 609 by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated under the authorization of 610 this act prior to the effective date of this act. On and after the effective 611 date of this section, any and all subsidiaries of the Connecticut 612 Innovations, Incorporated shall be subsidiaries of the Connecticut 613 Finance Collaborative.
- 614 (2) Whenever the term "Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated" is 615 used or referred to in the general statutes, the term "Connecticut 616 Finance Collaborative" shall be substituted in lieu thereof.
- 617 (c) (1) In accordance with the provisions of section 4-38d of the 618 general statutes, all powers and duties of the Connecticut Health and 619 Education Facilities Authority under the provisions of chapter 187 of 620 the general statutes, shall be transferred to the Connecticut Finance 621 Collaborative established under section 1 of this act. On and after the 622 effective date of this section, any and all subsidiaries of the 623 Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority shall be a 624 subsidiary of the Connecticut Finance Collaborative.
- 625 (2) All notes, bonds or other obligations issued by the Connecticut

626 Health and Education Facilities Authority for the financing of any 627 project or projects shall be in accordance with their terms of full force 628 and effect and valid and binding upon the collaborative as the 629 successor to the Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority 630 and with respect to any resolution, contract, deed, trust agreement, 631 mortgage, conditional sale or loan agreement, commitment, obligation 632 or liability or other such document, public record, right, remedy, 633 special act or public act, obligation, liability or responsibility 634 pertaining thereto, the collaborative shall be, and shall be deemed to 635 be, the successor to the Connecticut Health and Education Facilities 636 Authority. All properties, rights in land, buildings and equipment and 637 any funds, moneys, revenues and receipts or assets of such authority 638 pledged or otherwise securing any such notes, bonds or other 639 obligations shall belong to the collaborative as successor to the 640 Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority, subject to such 641 pledges and other security arrangements and to agreements with the 642 holders of the outstanding notes, bonds or other obligations. Any 643 resolution with respect to the issuance of bonds of the authority for the 644 purposes of this act and any other action taken by the authority with 645 respect to assisting in the financing of any project shall be, or shall be 646 deemed to be, a resolution of the collaborative or an action taken by 647 the collaborative subject only to any agreements with the holders of 648 outstanding notes, bonds or other obligations of the commission.

- (3) Whenever the term "Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority" is used or referred to in the general statutes, the term "Connecticut Finance Collaborative" shall be substituted in lieu thereof.
- (d) (1) The Connecticut Finance Collaborative shall adopt operating procedures pursuant to subsection (f) of section 1 of this act. Except to the extent that existing procedures are inconsistent with this act, until new procedures are adopted or July 1, 2007, whichever occurs first:
- 657 (2) The procedures of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,

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- adopted pursuant to section 1-121 of the general statutes, shall remain
- 659 in full force and effect with respect to any matter arising under the
- provisions of chapter 581 of the general statutes;
- 661 (3) The procedures of the Connecticut Health and Education 662 Facilities Authority, adopted pursuant to section 1-121 of the general 663 statutes, shall remain in full force and effect with respect to any matter 664 arising under the provisions of chapter 187 of the general statutes; and
- 665 (4) The procedures of the Connecticut Development Authority, 666 adopted pursuant to section 1-121 of the general statutes, shall remain 667 in full force and effect with respect to any other matter before the
- 668 Connecticut Finance Collaborative.
- (e) Except as expressly provided in this act, nothing in this act shall
- 670 be deemed to limit the powers exercised by the Connecticut
- 671 Development Authority, the Connecticut Health and Education
- 672 Facilities Authority or Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated prior to
- the effective date of this act.
- Sec. 8. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2006) (a) During the period from July
- 675 1, 2006, to September 30, 2006, the Connecticut Development
- 676 Authority, Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated and the Connecticut
- 677 Health and Educational Facilities Authority are authorized to enter
- into any agreements with the Connecticut Finance Collaborative that
- 679 are necessary to facilitate for the collaborative to assume its
- responsibilities under sections 1 to 8, inclusive, of this act.
- 681 (b) The Connecticut Development Authority, Connecticut
- 682 Innovations, Incorporated and the Connecticut Health and Educational
- 683 Facilities Authority may provide professional and clerical support,
- 684 facilities, equipment and supplies to the Connecticut Finance
- 685 Collaborative during the period from July 1, 2006, to September 30,
- 686 2006, inclusive.
- Sec. 9. Section 32-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the

- 688 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):
- (a) There is established a Department of [Economic and Community
- 690 Development] Business and Employment. The department head
- 691 shall be the Commissioner of [Economic and Community
- 692 Development] Business and Employment, who shall be appointed by
- 693 the Governor in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8,
- 694 inclusive, with the powers and duties prescribed in said sections 4-5 to
- 695 4-8, inclusive.
- (b) Said department shall constitute a successor department to the
- 697 Department of [Housing in accordance with the provisions of sections
- 698 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39.
- 699 (c) Said department shall constitute a successor department to the
- 700 Department of Economic Development | Economic and Community
- 701 Development in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-
- 702 38e and 4-39.
- 703 [(d)] (c) Whenever the term ["Commissioner of Housing"]
- 704 "Commissioner of Economic and Community Development" is used or
- referred to in the general statutes, the term ["Commissioner of
- Economic and Community Development"] "Commissioner of Business and Development" shall be substituted in lieu thereof. Whenever the
- 708 term ["Department of Housing"] "Department of Economic and
- 709 Community Development" is used or referred to in the general
- 710 statutes, the term ["Department of Economic and Community
- 711 Development" Department of Business and Employment shall be
- 712 substituted in lieu thereof.
- 713 [(e) Whenever the term "Commissioner of Economic Development"
- is used or referred to in the general statutes, the term "Commissioner
- of Economic and Community Development" shall be substituted in
- 716 lieu thereof. Whenever the term "Department of Economic
- 717 Development" is used or referred to in the general statutes, the term
- 718 "Department of Economic and Community Development" shall be

- 719 substituted in lieu thereof.]
- 720 [(f)] (d) If the term "Commissioner of Housing" or "Commissioner
- 721 of Economic Development" is used or referred to in any public or
- special act of 1995 or 1996, or in any section of the general statutes
- 723 which is amended in 1995 or 1996, it shall be deemed to mean or refer
- to the "Commissioner of Economic and Community Development".
- 725 [(g)] (e) If the term "Department of Housing" or "Department of
- 726 Economic Development" is used or referred to in any public or special
- act of 1995 or 1996, or in any section of the general statutes which is
- amended in 1995 or 1996, it shall be deemed to mean or refer to the
- 729 "Department of Economic and Community Development".
- 730 (f) If the term "Commissioner of Economic and Community
- 731 Development" is used or referred to in any public or special act of 2005
- or 2006, or in any section of the general statutes which is amended in
- 733 2005 or 2006, it shall be deemed to mean or refer to the "Commissioner
- 734 of Business and Employment".
- 735 (g) If the term "Department of Economic and Community
- 736 Development" is used or referred to in any public or special act of 2005
- or 2006, or in any section of the general statutes which is amended in
- 738 2005 or 2006, it shall be deemed to mean or refer to the "Department of
- 739 <u>Business and Employment".</u>
- Sec. 10. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2006) (a) The Labor Commissioner,
- 741 with the approval of the Commissioner of Business and Employment
- 742 and the Commissioner of Education, shall, within available
- appropriations, establish and operate the Twenty-First Century Skills
- 744 Training Program the purpose of which shall be to: (1) Sustain high
- 745 growth occupation and economically vital industries identified by
- such commissioners; and (2) assist workers in obtaining skills to start
- or move up their career ladder. Such job training program may include
- 748 training designed to increase the basic skills of employees, including,
- 749 but not limited to, training in written and oral communication,

- mathematics or science, or training in technical and technological skills
- 751 and such other training as commissioners determine is necessary to
- meet the needs of the employer. No more than five per cent of the
- 753 appropriation for the program may be used for administrative
- 754 purposes.
- 755 (b) Not less than fifty per cent of the cost of such training shall be
- borne by the employer requesting the training.
- 757 (c) The Labor Commissioner is authorized to adopt, pursuant to
- 758 chapter 54 of the general statutes any regulations required to carry out
- 759 this section.
- Sec. 11. Section 32-505 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 761 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):
- 762 (a) There shall be, within the Department of Business and
- 763 Employment, an Office of National and International Commerce which
- shall be responsible for (1) marketing the state as a place to live, work
- and do business; (2) providing information, assistance and support to
- 766 <u>businesses considering locating in the state; (3) working with</u>
- 767 <u>businesses looking to expand in Connecticut or considering relocating</u>
- 768 to or expanding in other states; and (4) encouraging trade between this
- 769 state and foreign nations.
- 770 [(a)] (b) The Commissioner of [Economic and Community
- 771 Development Business and Employment may retain trade
- 772 representatives in foreign countries to assist Connecticut businesses in
- finding (1) export customers, agents and distributors, and (2) foreign
- 774 companies to invest in Connecticut.
- 775 [(b)] (c) The commissioner shall, within available resources,
- 776 establish an international trade representative program to assist
- 777 Connecticut businesses in exporting their products to foreign markets.
- 778 On or before October 1, 1994, the commissioner shall establish a
- 779 registration process for businesses interested in participating in the

program. Such process shall include, but not be limited to, a requirement that the business agree to pay, over a three-year period beginning on the date of execution of a contract for an export sale, a success fee of not more than three per cent of the price of the products being sold under such transaction, excluding freight, handling and insurance charges. The department shall deposit such fees in the account established by section 32-504.

[(c)] (d) The commissioner shall keep a separate accounting of all fees paid from such program and use such accounting as a measurement of export sales achieved through the program. The commissioner may utilize the services of an impartial third party to monitor the sales of program participants.

Sec. 12. Section 32-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

All applications for insurance shall be [forwarded] submitted to the <u>collaborative</u>, together with an application fee, if any, prescribed by the [authority, to the executive director of the authority] collaborative. The [executive director] chief executive officer of the collaborative, after preparing necessary records for the [authority] collaborative, shall prepare a report which may include, but shall not be limited to, such facts about the company under consideration as its history, wage standards, job opportunities, stability of employment, past and present financial condition and structure, pro-forma income statements, present and future markets and prospects, and integrity of management. Such report shall conclude with a brief discussion and opinion as to whether the applicant would contribute to the development and advancement of the business prosperity and economic welfare of the state of Connecticut. Such report shall be submitted to the [authority through its executive director and] collaborative shall be advisory in nature only. After receipt and consideration of the above report and after such other action as is deemed appropriate, the [authority] collaborative shall approve or

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- 812 deny the application. The applicant shall be promptly notified of such 813 action by the [authority] collaborative. If the application is approved, 814 notice of such approval shall be transmitted to the proposed 815 mortgagee or lender chosen by the applicant. Such approval shall be 816 conditioned upon payment to the [authority] collaborative, within 817 such reasonable time after notification of approval as may be specified 818 by the [authority] <u>collaborative</u>, of a commitment fee prescribed by the 819 [authority] collaborative. No mortgage or loan shall be accepted for 820 insurance unless the [authority] collaborative finds that the project 821 with respect to which the mortgage or loan is executed is financially 822 sound.
- Sec. 13. Section 32-23d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context indicates another meaning and intent:
- (a) "Department" means the Department of [Economic and Community Development] <u>Business and Employment</u> or its successor agency.
- (b) "State" means the state of Connecticut.
- (c) "Municipality" means any town, city or borough in the state.
- 833 (d) "Project" means any facility, plant, works, system, building, 834 structure, utility, fixture or other real property improvement located in 835 the state, any machinery, equipment, furniture, fixture or other 836 personal property to be located in the state and the land on which it is 837 located or which is reasonably necessary in connection therewith, 838 which is of a nature or which is to be used or occupied by any person 839 for purposes which would constitute it as an economic development 840 project, information technology project, public service project, urban 841 project, recreation project, commercial fishing project, health care

- project, the convention center project, as defined in subdivision (3) of section 32-600, nonprofit project or remediation project, and any real property improvement reasonably related thereto. A project may be acquired (1) directly, or (2) indirectly through the purchase of all or substantially all of the stock of a corporation.
- 847 (e) "Eligible financial institution" means any trust company, bank, 848 savings bank, credit union, savings and loan association, insurance 849 company, investment company, mortgage banker, trustee, executor, 850 pension fund, retirement fund or other fiduciary or financial 851 institution, the state or, to the extent otherwise permitted by law, any 852 municipality, or any political subdivision, instrumentality, agency or 853 body politic and corporate thereof, which is approved by the authority 854 to participate in the financing of a project.
  - (f) "Cost of project" as determined by the authority means the cost or fair market value of construction, lands, property rights, utility extensions, disposal facilities, access roads, easements, franchises, financing charges, interest, engineering and legal services, plans, specifications, surveys, cost estimates, studies and other expenses necessary or incident to the development, construction, financing and placing in operation of a project and, subject to the provisions of section 32-16, the cost or fair market value of machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures or other personal property of a project.
  - (g) "Insurance fund" means the Mortgage and Loan Insurance Fund created by section 32-14.
- (h) "Maturity date" means the date on which the mortgage indebtedness would be extinguished if paid in accordance with periodic payments provided for in the mortgage.
  - (i) "Mortgage" means a mortgage or lien on a project together with credit instruments, if any, secured thereby, or any other agreement for the extension of credit or making of a loan related to the financing of a project or any portions thereof or interest therein, however evidenced,

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- including financing by means of a lease or a conditional or installment sales agreement, or any pool of or interest in any of the foregoing financed from any source.
- (j) "Mortgagee" means the original lender or other provider of credit under the mortgage or participants therein, and their successors and assigns, approved by the authority and may include, but is not limited to, all eligible financial institutions and, except as used in section 32-17a, the authority as defined in subsection (w) of this section.
- 881 (k) "Mortgagor" includes the successors and assigns of the 882 mortgagor.
- (l) "Mortgage payments" means payments called for by a mortgage, and may include, but is not limited to, interest, installments of principal, taxes and assessments, mortgage insurance premiums and hazard insurance premiums.
- (m) "Mortgage year" means the annual period measured by the date or the anniversary of the date of the execution of the mortgage.
- (n) "Principal obligation" means the sum total of all mortgage payments due from the mortgagor.
- (o) "Municipal planning commission" means a municipal planning commission created under chapter 126.
- (p) "Regional planning agency" means a regional planning agency created under chapter 127.
- (q) "Federal agency" means the United States, the president of the United States and any department of, or corporation, agency or instrumentality designated or established by, the United States.
- (r) "Revenues" means receipts, revenues, service charges, rentals or other payments to be received on account of lease, mortgage, conditional sale, sale or loan agreements and payments and any other

income derived from the lease, sale or other disposition of a project, 902 moneys in such reserve and insurance funds or accounts or other 903 funds and accounts and income from the investment thereof, 904 established in connection with the issuance of bonds, notes or other 905 obligations for a project or projects, and fees, charges or other moneys 906 to be received by the authority in respect of projects and contracts with 907 persons.

- (s) "Person" means any person, including individuals, firms, partnerships, associations, cooperatives, limited liability companies or corporations, public or private, for profit or nonprofit, organized or existing under the laws of the state or any other state, and, to the extent otherwise permitted by law, any municipality, district, including any special district having taxing powers, agency, authority, instrumentality, or other governmental entity or political subdivision in the state.
- (t) "Purposes of the authority", means the purposes of the authority expressed in and pursuant to the authority legislation, including with respect to the promotion, planning and designing, developing, encouraging, assisting, acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining and equipping and furnishing of a project and assisting directly or indirectly in the financing of the cost thereof.
- (u) "Economic development project" means any project which is to be used or occupied by any person for (1) manufacturing, industrial, research, office or product warehousing or distribution purposes or hydroponic or aquaponic food production purposes and which the authority determines will tend to maintain or provide gainful employment, maintain or increase the tax base of the economy, or maintain, expand or diversify industry in the state, or (2) controlling, abating, preventing or disposing land, water, air or other environmental pollution, including without limitation thermal, radiation, sewage, wastewater, solid waste, toxic waste, noise or particulate pollution, except resources recovery facilities, as defined in

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933 section 22a-219a, used for the principal purpose of processing 934 municipal solid waste and which are not expansions or additions to 935 resources recovery facilities operating on July 1, 1990, or (3) the 936 conservation of energy or the utilization of cogeneration technology or 937 solar, wind, hydro, biomass or other renewable sources to produce 938 energy for any industrial or commercial application, or (4) any other 939 purpose which the authority determines will materially contribute to 940 the economic base of the state by creating or retaining jobs, promoting 941 the export of products or services beyond state boundaries, 942 encouraging innovation in products or services, or otherwise 943 contributing to, supporting or enhancing existing activities that are 944 important to the economic base of the state.

- 945 (v) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of [Economic and 946 Community Development] <u>Business and Employment</u>.
- (w) "Authority" means the Connecticut [Development Authority]

  Finance Collaborative or its successor as established and created under

  [section 32-11a] sections 1 to 8, inclusive, of this act.
  - (x) "Capital reserve fund bond" means any bond of the authority secured by a special capital reserve fund established pursuant to this chapter.
- (y) "Recreation project" means any project which is to be primarily 953 954 available for the use of the general public including without limitation 955 stadiums, sports complexes, amusement parks, museums, theaters, 956 civic, concert, cultural and exhibition centers, centers for the visual and 957 performing arts, hotels, motels, resorts, inns and other public lodging 958 accommodations and which the authority determines will tend to (1) 959 promote tourism, (2) provide a special enhancement of recreation facilities in the state, or (3) contribute to the business or industrial 960 961 development of the state.
- 962 (z) "Public service project" means any project which is to be used or occupied by a common carrier or public utility to provide bus, truck,

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rail, limousine, water or air transportation services or water, sewer, gas, electricity, or telephone utility services, and which the authority determines will tend to assist the common carrier or public utility in providing service to the general public in the state. A public service project may include ferry boats or railroad rolling stock, but may not include any other vehicle, aircraft or watercraft.

- (aa) "Urban project" means any project which is to be used or occupied by any person for commercial or retail sales or service purposes located wholly or partly within an urban municipality in the state and which the authority determines will tend (1) to maintain or provide gainful construction or permanent employment, maintain or expand the tax base of the economy or maintain, expand or diversify industry in the state, or (2) to otherwise revitalize the economy of the urban municipality. An "urban municipality", for the purposes of this definition, means any municipality which is a "distressed municipality" as defined in subsection (b) of section 32-9p.
- (bb) "Commercial fishing project" means any project which is to be used or occupied by any person for commercial fishing purposes or for support, maintenance, storage, production, or manufacturing purposes reasonably related to commercial fishing activity, including without limitation commercial fishing vessels, docks, wharves, piers, land or floating processing facilities, transportation terminals, facilities for the maintenance, storage, and construction of vessels and equipment, and fish storage and handling facilities.
- (cc) "Health care project" means any project which is to be used or occupied by any person for the providing of services in any residential care home, nursing home or rest home, as defined in subsection (c) of section 19a-490, as amended, or for the providing of living space for physically handicapped persons or persons sixty years of age or older.
- (dd) "Nonprofit project" means any project which (1) is to be used or occupied by any person organized and operated not for profit but exclusively for health, educational, charitable, community, cultural,

agricultural, consumer or other purposes benefiting the citizens of the state, or as an agricultural or hospital cooperative or service organization or as a chamber of commerce or trade or professional association, and (2) which the authority determines satisfies a public need not adequately met by businesses operating for profit.

- (ee) "Information technology project" means any project (1) providing information technology intensive office or laboratory space, including, but not limited to, smart buildings, incubator facilities, or any project that is to be used or occupied by any person specializing in e-commerce technologies or other technologies using high-speed communications infrastructure, and (2) which the authority deems will materially contribute to the economic base of the state by creating or retaining jobs, promoting the export of products or services beyond state borders, encouraging innovation in products or services, or otherwise contributing to, supporting or enhancing existing activities that are important to the economic base of the state.
- (ff) "Incubator facilities" has the same meaning as incubator facilities in subdivision (5) of section 32-34.
- (gg) "Smart building" means a building that houses, for use by its tenants, an information or communications infrastructure capable of transmitting digital video, voice and data content over a high-speed wired, wireless or other communications intranet and provides the capability of delivering and receiving high-speed digital video, voice and data transmissions over the Internet.
- (hh) "Authority legislation" means this chapter, chapters 578, 584, 5881, 588n, 588r and 588u, sections 8-134, 8-134a, 8-192, 8-192a, 25-33a, 32-23zz, as amended by this act, and 32-68a, and any other provisions of the general statutes or any public or special act setting forth or governing the powers and duties of the [authority] collaborative.
- 1025 (ii) "Remediation project" means any project (1) involving the 1026 development, redevelopment or productive reuse of real property

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Sec. 14. Section 32-23e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

To accomplish the purposes of the [authority] collaborative, as defined in subsection (t) of section 32-23d, as amended by this act, which are hereby determined to be public purposes for which public funds may be expended, and in addition to any other powers provided by law, the [authority] <u>collaborative</u> shall have power to: (1) Determine the location and character of any project to be financed under the provisions of said chapters and sections, provided any financial assistance shall be approved in accordance with written procedures prepared pursuant to subdivision (14) of this section; (2) purchase, receive, by gift or otherwise, lease, exchange, or otherwise acquire, and construct, reconstruct, improve, maintain, equip and furnish one or more projects, including all real and personal property which the authority may deem necessary in connection therewith, and to enter into a contract with a person therefor upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall determine to be reasonable, including but not limited to reimbursement for the planning, designing, financing, construction, reconstruction, improvement, equipping, furnishing,

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operation and maintenance of the project and any claims arising therefrom and establishment and maintenance of reserve and insurance funds with respect to the financing of the project; (3) insure any or all payments to be made by the borrower under the terms of any agreement for the extension of credit or making of a loan by the authority in connection with any economic development project to be financed, wholly or in part, through the issuance of bonds or mortgage payments of any mortgage which is given by a mortgagor to the mortgagee who has provided the mortgage for an economic development project upon such terms and conditions as the authority may prescribe and as provided herein, and the faith and credit of the state are pledged thereto; (4) in connection with the insuring of payments of any mortgage, request for its guidance a finding of the municipal planning commission, or, if there is no planning commission, a finding of the municipal officers, of the municipality in which the economic development project is proposed to be located, or of the regional planning agency of which such municipality is a member, as to the expediency and advisability of the economic development project; (5) sell or lease to any person, all or any portion of a project, purchase from eligible financial institutions mortgages with respect to economic development projects, purchase or repurchase its own bonds, and sell, pledge or assign to any person any such bonds, mortgages, or other loans, notes, revenues or assets of the authority, or any interest therein, for such consideration and upon such terms as the authority may determine to be reasonable; (6) mortgage or otherwise encumber all or any portion of a project whenever it shall find such action to be in furtherance of the purposes of said chapters and sections; (7) enter into agreements with any person, including prospective mortgagees and mortgagors, for the purpose of planning, designing, constructing, acquiring, altering and financing projects, providing liquidity or a secondary market for mortgages or other financial obligations incurred with respect to facilities which would qualify as a project under this chapter, purchasing loans made by regional corporations under section 32-276,

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or for any other purpose in furtherance of any other power of the authority; (8) grant options to purchase or renew a lease for any of its projects on such terms as the authority may determine to be reasonable; (9) employ or retain attorneys, accountants and architectural, engineering and financial consultants and such other employees and agents and to fix their compensation and to employ the Connecticut Development Credit Corporation on a cost basis as it shall deem necessary to assist it in carrying out the purposes of said authority legislation; (10) borrow money or accept gifts, grants or loans of funds, property or service from any source, public or private, and comply, subject to the provisions of said authority legislation, with the terms and conditions thereof; (11) accept from a federal agency loans or grants for use in carrying out its purpose, and enter into agreements with such agency respecting any such loans or grants; (12) provide tenant lease guarantees and performance guarantees, invest in, extend credit or make loans to any person for the planning, designing, financing, acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, expanding, continuing in operation, equipping and furnishing of a project and for the refinancing of existing indebtedness with respect to any facility or part thereof which would qualify as a project in order to facilitate substantial improvements thereto, which guarantees, investments, credits or loans may be secured by loan agreements, lease agreements, installment sale agreements, mortgages, contracts and all other instruments or fees and charges, upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall determine to be reasonable in connection with such loans, including provision for the establishment and maintenance of reserve and insurance funds and in the exercise of powers granted in this section in connection with a project for such person, to require the inclusion in any contract, loan agreement or other instrument, such provisions for the construction, use, operation and maintenance and financing of a project as the authority may deem necessary or desirable; (13) in connection with any application for assistance under said authority legislation, or commitments therefor, to make and collect such fees and charges as the authority shall determine to be

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reasonable; (14) adopt procedures, in accordance with the provisions of section 1-121, to carry out the provisions of said authority legislation, which may give priority to applications for financial assistance based upon the extent the project will materially contribute to the economic base of the state by creating or retaining jobs, providing increased wages or benefits to employees, promoting the export of products or services beyond the boundaries of the state, encouraging innovation in products or services, encouraging defensedependent business to diversify to nondefense production, promoting standards of participation adopted by the Connecticut partnership compact pursuant to section 33-374g of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to 1991, or will otherwise enhance existing activities that are important to the economic base of the state, provided regulationmaking proceedings commenced before January 1, 1989, shall be governed by sections 4-166 to 4-174, inclusive; (15) adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure; (16) maintain an office at such place or places within the state as it may designate; (17) sue and be sued in its own name and plead and be impleaded, service of process in any action to be made by service upon the executive director of said authority either in hand or by leaving a copy of the process at the office of the authority with some person having charge thereof; (18) employ such assistants, agents and other employees as may be necessary or desirable for its purposes, which employees shall be exempt from the classified service and shall not be employees as defined in subsection (b) of section 5-270, as amended; establish all necessary or appropriate personnel practices and policies, including those relating to hiring, promotion, compensation, retirement and collective bargaining, which need not be in accordance with chapter 68 and the authority shall not be an employer as defined in subsection (a) of section 5-270, as amended; contract for and engage appraisers of industrial machinery and equipment, consultants and property management services, and utilize the services of other governmental agencies; (19) when it becomes necessary or feasible for the authority to safeguard itself from losses, acquire, purchase, manage and operate,

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hold and dispose of real and personal property, take assignments of rentals and leases and make and enter into all contracts, leases, agreements and arrangements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties; (20) in order to further the purposes of said authority legislation, or to assure the payment of the principal and interest on bonds or notes of the authority or to safeguard the mortgage insurance fund, purchase, acquire and take assignments of notes, mortgages and other forms of security and evidences of indebtedness, purchase, acquire, attach, seize, accept or take title to any project by conveyance or, by foreclosure, and sell, lease or rent any project for a use specified in said chapters and sections or in said chapter 579; (21) adopt rules for the conduct of its business; (22) invest any funds not needed for immediate use or disbursement, including any funds held in reserve, in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or the state of Connecticut and in other obligations which are legal investments for savings banks in this state; (23) do, or delegate, any and all things necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes and to exercise the powers given and granted in said authority legislation; provided, in all matters concerning the internal administrative functions of the authority which are funded by amounts appropriated by the state to the authority or to the department, the procedures of the state relating to office space, supplies, facilities, materials, equipment and professional services shall be followed, and provided further, that in the acquisition by the authority of real estate involving the use of appropriated funds or bonds supported by the full faith and credit of the state, the authority shall be subject to the provisions of section 4b-23, as amended; (24) to accept from the department: (A) Financial assistance, (B) revenues or the right to receive revenues with respect to any program under the supervision of the department, and (C) loan assets or equity interests in connection with any program under the supervision of the department; to make advances to and reimburse the department for any expenses incurred or to be incurred by it in the delivery of such assistance, revenues, rights, assets or amounts; to enter into

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agreements for the delivery of services by the authority, in consultation with the department [,] and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, [and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,] to third parties which agreements may include provisions for payment by the department to the authority for the delivery of such services; and to enter into agreements with the department or with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority [or Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] for the sharing of assistants, agents and other consultants, professionals and employees, and facilities and other real and personal property used in the conduct of the authority's affairs; and (25) to transfer to the department: (A) Financial assistance, (B) revenues or the right to receive revenues with respect to any program under the supervision of the authority, and (C) loan assets or equity interests in connection with any program under the supervision of the authority, provided the transfer of such financial assistance, revenues, rights, assets or interests is determined by the authority to be practicable, within the constraints and not inconsistent with the fiduciary obligations of the authority imposed upon or established upon the authority by any provision of the general statutes, the authority's bond resolutions or any other agreement or contract of the authority and to have no adverse effect on the tax-exempt status of any bonds of the authority or the state.

Sec. 15. Section 32-23k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

The state of Connecticut does hereby pledge to and agree with the holders of any bonds and notes issued under the provisions of the authority legislation, as defined in subsection (hh) of section 32-23d, and with those parties who may enter into contracts with the Connecticut [Development Authority] <u>Finance Collaborative</u> or its successor agency pursuant to the provisions of such authority legislation, that the state will not limit or alter the rights hereby vested in the authority until such obligations, together with the interest thereon, are fully met and discharged and such contracts are fully

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- performed on the part of the authority, provided nothing contained herein shall preclude such limitation or alteration if and when adequate provision shall be made by law for the protection of the holders of such bonds and notes of the authority or those entering into such contracts with the authority. The authority is authorized to include this pledge and undertaking for the state in such bonds and notes or contracts.
- Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 32-230 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 1239 (b) Each such loan or extension of credit shall be authorized by the 1240 Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative or, if the 1241 authority so determines, by a committee of the authority consisting of 1242 the chairman and either one other member of the authority or its 1243 [executive director] chief executive officer, as specified in the 1244 determination of the authority. Any administrative expenses incurred 1245 in carrying out the provisions of this section, to the extent not paid by 1246 the authority or from moneys appropriated to the department, shall be 1247 paid from the Small Contractors' Revolving Loan Fund. Payments 1248 from the Small Contractors' Revolving Loan Fund to small contractors 1249 or to pay such administrative expenses shall be made by the Treasurer 1250 upon certification by the Commissioner of [Economic and Community 1251 Development Business and Employment that the payment is 1252 authorized under the provisions of this section, under the applicable 1253 rules and regulations of the department, and, if made to a small 1254 contractor, under the terms and conditions established by the authority 1255 or the duly appointed committee thereof in authorizing the making of 1256 the loan or the extension of credit.
- Sec. 17. Section 32-23q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2006):
- The provisions of sections 37-4 and 37-6 shall not apply to any bond, note or other obligation issued by the Connecticut [Development

- Authority] <u>Finance Collaborative</u>, or any loan, lease, sale agreement, note or other obligation evidencing a financial obligation to the authority.
- Sec. 18. Section 32-23r of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- The Connecticut [Development Authority] <u>Finance Collaborative</u> shall require in all instances that a borrower or mortgagee shall enter into an agreement with the authority to give preference in employment to persons as set forth herein:
  - (1) Where the funds involved are to be used for the purchase, lease or alteration of an existing facility which has been inoperative and the borrower or mortgagee intends to make, assemble or produce products and or services comparable to those previously made, assembled, or produced at such facility, preference shall be given to those previously employed at such facility within the twelve-month period immediately preceding its closing in the order of their total length of employment at the closed facility, provided that they can perform the work required by the borrower or mortgagee at such existing facility;
  - (2) Where the funds involved are to be used for the purchase, lease or alteration of an existing facility which has been inoperative and the borrower or mortgagee intends to make, assemble or produce products different than those previously made, assembled or produced at the facility, preference in employment and training shall be given to those previously employed at such facility within the twelve-month period immediately preceding its closing in the order of their total length of employment at the closed facility, provided such training shall not exceed twelve weeks; and
  - (3) Where the borrower or mortgagee is not the operating or producing entity at the facility being financed, the borrower or mortgagee shall be required to enter into an irrevocable agreement with the operating or producing entity containing the above

- requirements and proof of such agreement shall be provided to the authority before approval of any funds or insurance.
- Sec. 19. Section 32-23s of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- The amendments to sections 32-11a, 32-16, 32-23c, 32-23d, as amended by this act, 32-23e, 32-23f and 32-23j effective on June 29, 1981, are intended and shall be construed as a clarification and expansion of the powers of the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative, and shall not limit or impair any obligation incurred or right exercised by the authority under its powers prior to said date.
- Sec. 20. Section 32-23t of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

1305 It is hereby found and declared as a matter of legislative 1306 determination that there is a continuing need for stimulation and 1307 encouragement of the growth and development of the state economy 1308 through the provision of two comprehensive loan programs and the 1309 establishment of a locally administered business outreach center 1310 challenge grant program which address the economic needs of a wide 1311 variety of business enterprises located throughout the state, including, 1312 but not limited to, development corporations, small contractors, small 1313 manufacturers, small business investment companies, employee 1314 groups, small water companies, small exporters, businesses affected by 1315 emergencies or disasters, small farmers, small retailers or service firms, 1316 high risk small businesses, start-up businesses, businesses located in 1317 various regions of the state, and other businesses that may be unable to 1318 obtain adequate financing from conventional sources. It is further 1319 found and declared that consolidating many of the separate loan 1320 programs currently administered by the Department of [Economic and 1321 Community Development Business and Employment into two 1322 revolving loan funds to be administered by the Connecticut 1323 [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative will enhance such

- programs for all borrowers, permit better targeting of state assistance
- 1325 to firms important to the economic base of the state, improve
- 1326 marketing, accounting and administration, alleviate certain
- 1327 administrative and technical problems created by changes in federal
- 1328 tax law, permit more effective use of existing resources and better
- enable the state to protect itself from losses through the establishment
- of a loan loss reserve and an improved loan work-out capability. It is
- 1331 further found and declared that major changes in the financial markets
- 1332 have altered the availability of capital to small and medium firms in
- the state, that assistance to high risk small and start-up businesses is
- important to the state economy and that such loan consolidation will
- 1335 better enable the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance
- 1336 <u>Collaborative</u> to leverage state assistance through active participation
- of private sector investments in small businesses.
- 1338 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 32-23v of the general statutes is
- 1339 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 1340 *October 1, 2006*):
- 1341 (a) As used in this section:
- 1342 (1) "Affiliate" means a business concern which directly controls or is
- 1343 controlled by another business concern, or a third party which controls
- 1344 both business concerns;
- 1345 (2) "Appraised value" means the cost or fair market value of an asset
- 1346 as determined in the discretion of the Connecticut [Development
- 1347 Authority] Finance Collaborative;
- 1348 (3) "Authority" means the Connecticut [Development Authority]
- 1349 <u>Finance Collaborative</u> established under section 32-11a or its successor;
- 1350 (4) "Department" means the Department of [Economic and
- 1351 Community Development Business and Employment or its successor
- 1352 agency;
- 1353 (5) "Eligible borrower" means any person who, in the discretion of

1354 the authority, demonstrates (A) financial need by either its inability to 1355 obtain conventional financial assistance in satisfactory amounts or 1356 satisfactory terms, or to remain or locate or continue operations in this 1357 state without the assistance provided for in this section; and (B) that 1358 the project for which the assistance provided for in this section is being 1359 requested will materially contribute or provide support to the 1360 economic base of the state, as evidenced by one or more of the 1361 following criteria: (i) That such project will create or retain high quality 1362 jobs within the state and not simply replace existing jobs in other 1363 locations or businesses within the state; (ii) that such project will 1364 effectuate or facilitate the export of goods or services beyond the state 1365 boundaries; (iii) that such project represents a new product or service 1366 that has the potential for significant future contribution to the state's 1367 economic base; or (iv) that such project will significantly contribute to, 1368 support or enhance existing activities which are important to the 1369 economic base of the state;

- (6) "Loans" means (A) loans and extensions of lines of credit, (B) any and all forms of equity investments in any business entity and (C) any combination of such loans, lines of credit and equity investments;
- (7) "Person" means any person or entity, including affiliates, engaged in or for the purpose of acquiring a for-profit activity or activities in this state, and whose gross revenues, including revenues of affiliates, did not exceed twenty-five million dollars in its most recently completed fiscal year prior to the date of its application for assistance under this section, or if such person has not been in business for at least one year prior to the date of such application, if the authority determines in its discretion that such person's gross revenues, including revenues of affiliates, are not likely to exceed twenty-five million dollars in its first fiscal year;
- 1383 (8) "Small business investment company" means any entity defined 1384 in 15 USCA 662(3); and
- 1385 (9) "State or local development corporation" means any entity

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- organized under the laws of this state which has the authority to
- promote and assist the growth and development of business concerns
- in the areas covered by their operations.
- Sec. 22. Subsection (g) of section 32-23v of the general statutes is
- 1390 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 1391 *October* 1, 2006):
- (g) Each loan may be authorized by the authority or, if the authority
- 1393 so determines, by a committee of the authority. [, one of whose
- members may be its executive director.] The rate of interest and other
- terms of each loan to the extent not specifically provided for herein
- shall be determined by the authority in its discretion.
- Sec. 23. Section 32-23x of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 1399 (a) As used in this section:
- 1400 (1) "Affiliate" means a business concern which directly controls or is
- 1401 controlled by another business concern, or a third party which controls
- 1402 both business concerns;
- 1403 (2) "Authority" means the Connecticut [Development Authority]
- 1404 Finance Collaborative established under section 32-11a or its successor;
- 1405 (3) "Department" means the Department of [Economic and
- 1406 Community Development Business and Employment or its successor
- 1407 agency;
- 1408 (4) "Enterprise zone" has the same meaning as provided in section
- 1409 32-70;
- 1410 (5) "Impacted business" means any person impacted by (A) a
- 1411 disaster caused by natural forces including, but not limited to, floods
- or hurricanes or (B) an economic emergency including, but not limited
- 1413 to, an existing or threatened major plant shutdown, business

- 1414 disruption from a major road or bridge repair project or other existing 1415 or potential economic emergency, provided such disaster or 1416 emergency described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision is 1417 proclaimed as such by declaration of the Commissioner of [Economic 1418 and Community Development Business and Employment, with the 1419 consent of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, upon 1420 a determination by the Commissioner of [Economic and Community 1421 Development] Business and Employment that such disaster or 1422 emergency is of a magnitude that could materially affect the health or 1423 well-being of the citizens of the impacted area and that the financial 1424 assistance provided for under this section is necessary to assure timely 1425 and effective relief and restoration;
  - (6) "Loans" means loans and extensions of lines of credit;
- 1427 (7) "Minority business enterprise" means any person who meets the criteria contained in section 4a-60g and who is receiving a state 1428 1429 contract award;
  - (8) "Person" means any person or entity, including affiliates, engaged in a for-profit activity or activities in this state and who, except for an impacted business, is not an eligible borrower for assistance under the provisions of the Connecticut Growth Fund established under section 32-23v;
  - (9) "Rate of interest" means the interest rate which the authority shall charge and collect on each loan made by the state under this section, which rate shall not exceed one per cent above the interest rate borne by the general obligation bonds of the state last issued prior to the date such loan is made, provided, such rate shall not exceed the maximum allowable under federal law;
- 1441 (10) "Small contractor" means any person who is a contractor, 1442 subcontractor, manufacturer or service company who has been in 1443 business for at least one year prior to the date of its application for 1444 assistance under this section and whose gross revenues, including

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- revenues of affiliates, did not exceed three million dollars in its most recently completed fiscal year prior to the date of its application for assistance under this section;
- 1448 (11) "State or local development corporation" means any entity 1449 organized under the laws of this state which has the authority to 1450 promote and assist the growth and development of business concerns 1451 in the areas covered by their operations;
  - (12) "Targeted business" means a person located in an enterprise zone whose gross revenues did not exceed three million dollars in its most recently completed fiscal year prior to the date of its application for assistance under this section, or if such person has not been in business for at least one year prior to the date of such application, if the authority determines in its discretion that such person's gross revenues, including revenues of affiliates, are not likely to exceed three million dollars in its first fiscal year;
  - (13) "Water facilities" means (A) investor-owned water companies which supply water to at least twenty-five but less than ten thousand customers, (B) municipally-owned water companies, and (C) owners of privately and municipally-owned dams which the Commissioner of Environmental Protection has determined benefit the public.
  - (b) In order to stimulate and encourage the growth and development of the state economy, the Comprehensive Business Assistance Fund is hereby created to provide financial assistance to targeted businesses, businesses impacted by economic emergencies and natural disasters, businesses located in certain regions of the state and certain industry sectors, including businesses located in entertainment districts designated under section 32-76 or established under section 2 of public act 93-311\*, and to assist in the development of clean water facilities. The state, acting through the authority, may make or participate with private sector financial institutions in making loans from said fund to persons in accordance with the provisions of this section. Payments of principal and interest on such loans, and

- funds received by the authority from any other source for the purposes of the Comprehensive Business Assistance Fund, shall be deposited into said fund and shall be used to make additional loans and for such other purposes authorized by this section.
- (c) The state, acting through the authority, may make, or participate with private sector financial institutions in making loans from the Comprehensive Business Assistance Fund to any person who in the discretion of the authority, demonstrates financial need by either its inability to obtain conventional financial assistance in satisfactory amounts or on satisfactory terms in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (1) The authority may make loans at the rate of interest to small contractors and minority business enterprises for the purpose of financing labor and material costs only. The aggregate outstanding amount of any loans made under this subdivision to any one person, including affiliates, shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars. The maximum term for repayment of any loan made under this subdivision shall not exceed one year.
  - (2) The authority may make loans at the rate of interest to targeted businesses. The aggregate outstanding amount of any loans made under this subdivision to any one person, including affiliates, shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars. The maximum term for repayment of any loan made under this subdivision shall not exceed (A) twenty years for real property; (B) ten years for machinery and equipment; and (C) seven years for working capital. For the purposes of this subdivision and subdivision (3), working capital may include, but shall not be limited to, capital for expansion or restructuring of a business.
  - (3) The authority may make loans at the rate of interest to impacted businesses. The aggregate outstanding amount of any loans made under this subdivision to any one person, including affiliates, shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars, except the authority, with the

consent of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, may increase the maximum loan amount under this subdivision to one million dollars if the authority in its discretion determines that the particular needs and conditions of such impacted business warrant such increase. The maximum term for repayment of any loan made under this subdivision shall not exceed (A) twenty years for real property; (B) ten years for machinery and equipment; and (C) seven years for working capital.

- (4) The authority may make loans at the rate of interest to water facilities. Such loans shall be used for the planning, design, modification or construction of drinking water facilities made necessary by the requirements of the Safe Water Act of 1974 or by an order of the Department of Public Health, which drinking water facilities shall include, but shall not be limited to, collection facilities, treatment facilities, wells, tanks, mains, pumps, transmission facilities and any other machinery and equipment necessary to meet the requirements of said act. Such loans shall also be used for the repair of dams subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection under chapter 446j. For the purposes of this subdivision, repair costs include, but shall not be limited to, fees and expenses of architects, engineers, attorneys, accountants and other professional consultants, and costs of preparing surveys, studies, site plans and specifications for such repair. The aggregate outstanding amount of any loans made under this subdivision to any water facility, including affiliates, shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars. The maximum term for repayment of any loan made under this subdivision shall not exceed (A) twenty years for real property; and (B) ten years for machinery and equipment.
- (5) The authority may make loans at zero per cent interest to municipal economic development commissions established under section 7-136 or business outreach centers described in section 32-9qq, as amended, that establish or participate in loan pools that lend funds to (A) persons or groups of persons who complete entrepreneurial

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training programs funded or approved by the Commissioner of [Economic and Community Development] <u>Business and Employment</u>, or (B) business support groups. As used in this subdivision, "business support group" means a group of five or more persons, firms or corporations which plans to start or expand separate businesses, has community or other ties demonstrating a common mission or purpose, agrees to undergo an entrepreneurial training program funded or approved by the commissioner, and each member of which agrees to provide business support to other members of the group. The aggregate outstanding amount of any loans made under this subdivision to any one person, group of persons or business support group shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. The maximum term for repayment of any loan made under this subdivision shall not exceed ten years.

- (6) The authority shall make loans at the rate of interest to entertainment or entertainment support service businesses located in the municipality with the pilot entertainment district established pursuant to section 2 of public act 93-311\*, and on and after July 1, 1995, may make loans at the rate of interest to entertainment or entertainment support service businesses located in municipalities with entertainment districts designated under section 32-76.
- (d) The state, acting through the authority, may make loans to state or local development corporations, for the purpose of providing funds to enable such state or local development corporations to make loans to any person eligible for assistance under subsection (c) hereof. The aggregate outstanding amount of any loan made under this subsection to a state or local development corporation for a loan with respect to any one project shall not exceed one million dollars.
- (e) To carry out the purposes of this section, the authority shall have those powers set forth in section 32-23e. The authority shall also have the power to take all reasonable steps and exercise all available remedies necessary or desirable to protect the obligations or interests

- of the authority including, but not limited to, the purchase or redemption on foreclosure proceedings, bankruptcy proceedings or in other judicial proceedings of any property on which it holds a mortgage or other lien or in which it has an interest, and for such purposes payment may be made from the Comprehensive Business Assistance Fund.
- 1580 (f) The borrower shall pay such costs of processing applications for 1581 loans made under this section, including closing costs, as the authority 1582 determines are reasonable and necessary. The department may assist 1583 the authority in carrying out the provisions of this section and any 1584 administrative expenses incurred by the department for services 1585 provided to the authority or expenses incurred by the authority in 1586 carrying out the provisions of this section to the extent not paid by the 1587 borrower or from moneys appropriated to the department or the 1588 authority for such purposes, may be paid from the Comprehensive 1589 Business Assistance Fund.
  - (g) Each loan may be authorized by the authority or, if the authority so determines, by a committee of the authority. [, one of whose members may be its executive director.]
  - (h) Payments from the Comprehensive Business Assistance Fund to eligible borrowers or to pay administrative expenses shall be made upon certification by the executive director of the authority that payment is authorized under the provisions of this section and under any applicable regulations or program criteria of the authority.
    - (i) For the purposes of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate seventeen million three hundred fifty thousand dollars. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be used by the department to make grants to the authority for deposit in the Comprehensive Business Assistance Fund for the purposes authorized under this section. The terms and conditions of said grants

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shall be governed in accordance with a grant contract entered into 1606 1607 between the department and authority. All provisions of section 3-20, 1608 as amended, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby 1609 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are 1610 hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State 1611 Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in 1612 anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such 1613 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-1614 20, as amended, and from time to time renewed. Said bonds shall 1615 mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their 1616 respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or 1617 resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. 1618 None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the 1619 State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for 1620 such authorization, which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of 1621 the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and 1622 conditions as said commission in its discretion may require. Said 1623 bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the 1624 state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are 1625 pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds 1626 as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of 1627 the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts 1628 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is 1629 hereby made, and the Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest 1630 as the same become due. Net earnings on any assets of the 1631 Comprehensive Business Assistance Fund, including investments or 1632 reinvestments of proceeds, accrued interest and premiums on the 1633 issuance of such bonds, after payment therefrom of expenses incurred 1634 by the Treasurer or State Bond Commission in connection with their 1635 issuance, shall become part of the Comprehensive Business Assistance Fund. 1636

Sec. 24. Section 32-23z of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

(a) A Business Environmental Clean-Up Revolving Loan Fund is created. The state, acting through the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative, may provide loans or lines of credit from the Business Environmental Clean-Up Revolving Loan Fund (1) to businesses for the purposes of the containment and removal or mitigation of the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration of oil or petroleum or chemical liquids or solid, liquid or gaseous products or hazardous wastes and (2) to businesses which convert gas and diesel-powered motor vehicles to vehicles powered by either gas or diesel fuel and a clean-burning alternative fuel, including but not limited to, compressed natural gas or electricity. Loans or lines of credit under subdivision (2) shall be for working or development capital. For the purposes of this section, "business" means any business which (A) if applying for assistance under subdivision (1), has been in business for at least one year prior to the date of application for its loan or line of credit or, if applying for assistance under subdivision (2), has been in business for at least two years prior to such application date, (B) has gross revenues, including revenues of affiliates, less than three million dollars in the most recent fiscal year before the date of the application or has less than one hundred fifty employees and, if applying for assistance under subdivision (2), derived at least seventyfive per cent of its gross revenues in such year from motor vehicle fuel conversion activities, (C) if applying for assistance under subdivision (1), has been doing business and has maintained its principal office and place of business in the state for a period of at least one year prior to the date of its application for assistance under this section or, if applying for assistance under subdivision (2), has been doing business and has maintained such office and business in the state for a period of at least two years prior to such application date, and (D) demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the authority and in its sole discretion, that it is unable to obtain financing from conventional sources on reasonable terms or in reasonable amounts. The Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative shall charge and collect interest on each such loan or line of credit at a rate to be determined in accordance

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- with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.
  The total amount of such loans or lines of credit provided to any single
  business in any period of twelve consecutive months shall not exceed
  two hundred thousand dollars. Payments made by businesses on all
  loans and lines of credit paid to the Treasurer for deposit in the
  Business Environmental Clean-Up Revolving Loan Fund shall be
  credited to such fund.
- (b) The authority shall take any reasonable action it deems appropriate to moderate losses on loans and lines of credit made under this section, including, but not limited to, development and implementation of written procedures, in accordance with section 1-121, and a strategy to manage the assets of the fund and any losses incurred.
  - (c) The Connecticut [Development Authority] <u>Finance Collaborative</u> shall establish loan procedures, interest, repayment terms, security requirements, default and remedy provisions and such other terms and conditions as the authority shall deem appropriate.
  - (d) Each such loan or extension of credit shall be authorized by the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative or, if the authority so determines, by a committee of the authority consisting of the chairman and either one other member of the authority or its [executive director] chief executive officer as specified in the determination of the authority. Any administrative expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this section, to the extent not paid by the authority, shall be paid from the Business Environmental Clean-Up Revolving Loan Fund. Payments from the Business Environmental Clean-Up Revolving Loan Fund to businesses or to pay such administrative expenses shall be made by the Treasurer upon certification by the executive director of the authority that the payment is authorized under the provisions of this section, under the applicable rules and regulations of the authority, and, if made to a business, under the terms and conditions established by the authority or the

- 1705 duly appointed committee thereof in authorizing the making of the 1706 loan or the extension of credit.
- 1707 Sec. 25. Section 32-23aa of the general statutes is repealed and the 1708 following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2006):
- 1709 The Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative 1710 shall not approve any application for financial assistance for any 1711 project unless such project complies with all state laws and regulations 1712 adopted thereunder.
- 1713 Sec. 26. Section 32-23hh of the general statutes is repealed and the 1714 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 1715 As used in sections 32-23gg to 32-23ll, inclusive:
- 1716 (1) "Authority" means the Connecticut [Development Authority] 1717 Finance Collaborative, created under section 32-11a;
- 1718 [(2) "Executive director" means the executive director of the 1719 Connecticut Development Authority;
- 1720 (2) "Chief executive officer" means the chief executive officer of the 1721 Connecticut Finance Collaborative;
- 1722 (3) "Financial assistance" means any and all forms of loans, 1723 extensions of credit, guarantees, equity investments or any other form 1724 of financing or refinancing to persons for the purchase, acquisition, 1725 construction, expansion, continued reconstruction, operation, 1726 financing, refinancing or placing in operation of an economic 1727 development project, including, but not limited to, fixed assets, 1728 working capital, equity participations and acquisitions, employee
- 1729 buyouts, refinancing, financial restructuring, and other purposes
- 1730 which the authority determines further the purposes of sections 32-
- 1731 23gg to 32-23ll, inclusive;
- 1732 (4) "Economic development project" means any project (A) which is

1733 to be used or occupied by any person for manufacturing, industrial, research or product warehousing or distribution purposes, or any 1734 1735 combination thereof, and which the authority determines will tend to 1736 maintain or provide gainful employment, maintain or increase the tax 1737 base of the economy, or maintain, expand or diversify industry in the 1738 state, or for any other purpose which the authority determines will 1739 materially support the economic base of the state, by creating or 1740 retaining jobs, promoting the export of products or services beyond 1741 state boundaries, encouraging innovation in products or services, or 1742 otherwise contributing to, supporting or enhancing existing activities 1743 that are important to the economic base of the state, and (B) which is 1744 unable to obtain conventional financing in satisfactory amounts or on 1745 satisfactory terms in the sole judgment of the authority, or whose 1746 ability, in the judgment of the authority, to start, continue to operate, 1747 expand, or maintain operations or relocate to Connecticut, is 1748 dependent upon financial assistance;

- 1749 (5) "Person" means a person as defined in subsection (s) of section 1750 32-23d; and
- (6) "Return on investment" means any and all forms of principal or interest payments, insurance premiums or guarantee fees, equity participations, options, warrants, debentures and any or all other forms of remuneration to the authority in return for any financial assistance provided or offered.
- Sec. 27. Section 32-23qq of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- (a) An Environmental Assistance Revolving Loan Fund is created.
  The state, acting through the Connecticut [Development Authority]
  Finance Collaborative, or any subsidiary of the authority may provide
  grants, loans, lines of credit or loan guarantees to municipalities or
  businesses from the Environmental Assistance Revolving Loan Fund
  for the purposes of pollution prevention activities, as defined in section
  32-23rr, for purchases and the costs associated with compliance with

the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (42 USC 7401, et seq.), as amended, or for remediation of contaminated real property. Within the Environmental Assistance Revolving Loan Fund, a loan subfund is created solely to provide loans and lines of credit as provided in this section, a guarantee subfund is created solely to provide loan guarantees as provided in this section and a grant subfund is created solely to provide grants as provided under this section. No financial assistance, nor any commitment to provide financial assistance, shall be provided by or entered into by the authority or any subsidiary of the authority pursuant to sections 32-23pp to 32-23ss, inclusive, which would cause the aggregate amount of all such financial assistance and commitments then outstanding to exceed the sum of the amounts in the applicable subfund of the Environmental Assistance Revolving Loan Fund plus the amount of any unpaid grants authorized to be made by the Department of [Economic and Community Development] Business and Employment to the authority or any subsidiary of the authority for deposit in the applicable subfund of the Environmental Assistance Revolving Loan Fund, provided the amount of financial assistance in the form of any guarantee shall be measured by the portion of unpaid loan principal which is guaranteed by the authority. Notwithstanding the above, the aggregate amount of financial assistance in the form of guarantees and commitments with respect thereto, calculated as above, may be up to four times the sum of the amounts available in the guarantee subfund of the Environmental Assistance Revolving Loan Fund plus the amount of any unpaid grants which remain available and are specifically designated by the department for purposes of such subfund pursuant to the bond authorization in section 32-23ss. For the purposes of this section, "business" means any business which (1) has gross revenues of less than twenty-five million dollars in its fiscal year ending prior to the application for any such loans, lines of credit or loan guarantees, or (2) has fewer than one hundred fifty employees. The Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative or any subsidiary of the authority shall charge and collect interest on each such loan or line

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of credit at a rate to be determined in accordance with procedures 1800 adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Payments made by businesses on all loans, lines of credit and loan guarantees shall be paid to the authority or any subsidiary of the authority for deposit in the Environmental Assistance Revolving Loan Fund.

- (b) The Connecticut [Development Authority] <u>Finance Collaborative</u> and any subsidiary of the authority shall adopt written procedures, in accordance with the provisions of section 1-121, to carry out the provisions of this section. Such procedures shall establish requirements for grants, loans, guarantees, interest, repayment terms, security requirements, default and remedies and such other terms and conditions as the authority or any subsidiary of the authority shall deem appropriate.
- (c) Each such grant, loan, guarantee or extension of credit shall be authorized by the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative or any subsidiary of the authority or, if the authority or any subsidiary of the authority so determines, by a committee of the authority or any subsidiary of the authority consisting of the chairman and either one other member of the authority or subsidiary or its executive director, as specified in the determination of the authority or subsidiary. Any administrative expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this section, to the extent not paid by the authority or any subsidiary of the authority or from moneys appropriated to the authority or any subsidiary of the authority, shall be paid from the Environmental Assistance Revolving Loan Fund. Payments from the Environmental Assistance Revolving Loan Fund to businesses or municipalities or to pay such administrative expenses shall be made by the authority or any subsidiary of the authority upon certification by the chairman of the authority or such subsidiary that the payment is authorized under the provisions of this section, under the applicable rules and regulations of the authority or subsidiary, and, if made to a business or municipality under the terms and conditions established by the authority or subsidiary or the duly appointed committee thereof

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- in authorizing the making of the grant, loan or the extension of credit.
- Sec. 28. Section 32-23ss of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate two million dollars.
  - (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of [Economic and Community Development] <u>Business and Employment</u> to make grants to the Connecticut [Development Authority] <u>Finance Collaborative</u> for deposit in the Environmental Assistance Revolving Loan Fund to be used for the purpose of sections 32-23pp to 32-23rr, inclusive, and this section. The terms and conditions of said grants shall be governed in accordance with a grant contract between the department and the authority.
  - (c) All provisions of section 3-20, as amended, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20, as amended, and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization, which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,

- 1864 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this 1865 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and 1866 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the 1867 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and 1868 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of 1869 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual 1870 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the 1871 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become 1872 due.
- Sec. 29. Section 32-23tt of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 1875 As used in section 32-23*ll*, this section, and sections 32-23uu, 1876 32-23vv and 32-235, as amended:
- 1877 (1) "Authority" means the Connecticut [Development Authority]
  1878 Finance Collaborative established under the provisions of this chapter;
- (2) "Educational upgrades" means (A) programs designed to increase the basic skills of workers and production workers including, but not limited to training, in written and oral communication, mathematics or science, or (B) training in innovative production methods and workplace oriented computer technical skills;
- 1884 (3) "Financial assistance" means grants, loans, loan guarantees or interest rate subsidies or any combination thereof;
- 1886 (4) "Manufacturing or economic base business" means a business defined under subsection (l) of section 32-222;
- 1888 (5) "Production worker" means an employee of a manufacturer 1889 whose principal duties are located within the state, and consist of the 1890 assembly or construction of the manufacturer's product or a portion 1891 thereof; and
- 1892 (6) "Worker" means an employee of a manufacturing or economic-

- based business whose principal duties are located within the state.
- Sec. 30. Subsection (a) of section 32-23yy of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 1896 *October* 1, 2006):
- 1897 (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the
- 1898 following meanings unless the context indicates another meaning and
- 1899 intent:
- 1900 (1) "Authority" means the Connecticut [Development Authority]
- 1901 Finance Collaborative, created under section 32-11a, and any of its
- 1902 subsidiaries or affiliates;
- 1903 [(2) "Executive Director" means the executive director of the
- 1904 Connecticut Development Authority;
- 1905 (2) "Chief executive officer" means the chief executive officer of the
- 1906 <u>Connecticut Finance Collaborative</u>;
- 1907 (3) "Financial assistance" means any and all forms of grants, loans,
- 1908 extensions of credit, guarantees, equity investments or other forms of
- 1909 financing or refinancing to persons for the purchase, acquisition,
- 1910 leasing, construction, expansion, continued operation, reconstruction,
- 1911 financing, refinancing or placing in operation of an information
- 1912 technology project, including, but not limited to, fixed assets, working
- 1913 capital, equity participations and acquisitions, employee buyouts,
- 1914 refinancing, lease guarantees, financial restructuring and other
- 1915 purposes which the authority determines further the purposes of this
- 1916 section. For purposes of this section financial assistance shall not be
- 1917 considered financial assistance under the provisions of section 32-462;
- 1918 (4) "Information technology project" means an information
- 1919 technology project, as defined in section 32-23d, as amended by this
- 1920 act;
- 1921 (5) "Person" means a person, as defined in subsection (s) of section

- 1922 32-23d, as amended by this act;
- 1923 (6) "Return on investment" means any and all forms of principal or 1924 interest payments, guarantee fees, equity participations, options, 1925 warrants, debentures and any or all other forms of remuneration to the 1926 authority in return for any financial assistance provided or offered.
- Sec. 31. Section 32-23zz of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 1930 (a) For the purpose of assisting (1) any information technology 1931 project, as defined in subsection (ee) of section 32-23d, which is located 1932 in an eligible municipality, as defined in subdivision (12) of subsection 1933 (a) of section 32-9t, as amended by this act, or (2) any remediation 1934 project, as defined in subsection (ii) of section 32-23d, as amended by 1935 this act, the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance 1936 Collaborative may, upon a resolution of the legislative body of a 1937 municipality, issue and administer bonds which are payable solely or 1938 in part from and secured by: (A) A pledge of and lien upon any and all 1939 of the income, proceeds, revenues and property of such a project, 1940 including the proceeds of grants, loans, advances or contributions from 1941 the federal government, the state or any other source, including 1942 financial assistance furnished by the municipality or any other public 1943 body, (B) taxes or payments or grants in lieu of taxes allocated to and 1944 payable into a special fund of the Connecticut [Development 1945 Authority] Finance Collaborative pursuant to the provisions of 1946 subsection (b) of this section, or (C) any combination of the foregoing. 1947 Any such bonds of the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance 1948 Collaborative shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty 1949 years from their date of issuance and shall be subject to the general 1950 terms and provisions of law applicable to the issuance of bonds by the 1951 Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative, except 1952 that such bonds shall be issued without a special capital reserve fund 1953 as provided in subsection (b) of section 32-23j and, for purposes of

section 32-23f, only the approval of the board of directors of the authority shall be required for the issuance and sale of such bonds. Any pledge made by the municipality or the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative for bonds issued as provided in this section shall be valid and binding from the time when the pledge is made, and revenues and other receipts, funds or moneys so pledged and thereafter received by the municipality or the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative shall be subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act. The lien of such pledge shall be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the municipality or the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative, even if the parties have no notice of such lien. Recording of the resolution or any other instrument by which such a pledge is created shall not be required. In connection with any such assignment of taxes or payments in lieu of taxes, the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative may, if the resolution so provides, exercise the rights provided for in section 12-195h of an assignee for consideration of any lien filed to secure the payment of such taxes or payments in lieu of taxes. All expenses incurred in providing such assistance may be treated as project costs.

(b) Any proceedings authorizing the issuance of bonds under this section may contain a provision that taxes or a specified portion thereof, if any, identified in such authorizing proceedings and levied upon taxable real or personal property, or both, in a project each year, or payments or grants in lieu of such taxes or a specified portion thereof, by or for the benefit of any one or more municipalities, districts or other public taxing agencies, as the case may be, shall be divided as follows: (1) In each fiscal year that portion of the taxes or payments or grants in lieu of taxes which would be produced by applying the then current tax rate of each of the taxing agencies to the total sum of the assessed value of the taxable property in the project on the date of such authorizing proceedings, adjusted in the case of grants in lieu of taxes to reflect the applicable statutory rate of

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reimbursement, shall be allocated to and when collected shall be paid into the funds of the respective taxing agencies in the same manner as taxes by or for said taxing agencies on all other property are paid; and (2) that portion of the assessed taxes or the payments or grants in lieu of taxes, or both, each fiscal year in excess of the amount referred to in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be allocated to and when collected shall be paid into a special fund of the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative to be used in each fiscal year, in the discretion of the Connecticut [Development Authority Finance Collaborative, to pay the principal of and interest due in such fiscal year on bonds issued by the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative to finance, refinance or otherwise assist such project, to purchase bonds issued for such project, or to reimburse the provider of or reimbursement party with respect to any guarantee, letter of credit, policy of bond insurance, funds deposited in a debt service reserve fund, funds deposited as capitalized interest or other credit enhancement device used to secure payment of debt service on any bonds issued by the Connecticut [Development Authority] Finance Collaborative to finance, refinance or otherwise assist such project, to the extent of any payments of debt service made therefrom. Unless and until the total assessed valuation of the taxable property in a project exceeds the total assessed value of the taxable property in such project as shown by the last assessment list referred to in subdivision (1) of this subsection, all of the taxes levied and collected and all of the payments or grants in lieu of taxes due and collected upon the taxable property in such project shall be paid into the funds of the respective taxing agencies. When such bonds and interest thereof, and such debt service reimbursement to the provider of or reimbursement party with respect to such credit enhancement, have been paid in full, all moneys thereafter received from taxes or payments or grants in lieu of taxes upon the taxable property in such development project shall be paid into the funds of the respective taxing agencies in the same manner as taxes on all other property are paid. The total amount of bonds issued pursuant to this

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- (c) The authority may make grants or provide loans or other forms of financial assistance from the proceeds of special or general obligation notes or bonds of the authority issued without the security of a special capital reserve fund within the meaning of subsection (b) of section 32-23j, which bonds are payable from and secured by, in whole or in part, the pledge and security provided for in section 8-134, 8-192, 32-227 or this section, all on such terms and conditions, including such agreements with the municipality and the developer of the project, as the authority determines to be appropriate in the circumstances, provided any such project in an area designated as an enterprise zone pursuant to section 32-70 receiving such financial assistance shall be ineligible for any fixed assessment pursuant to section 32-71, and the authority, as a condition of such grant, loan or other financial assistance, may require the waiver, in whole or in part, of any property tax exemption with respect to such project otherwise available under subsection (59) or (60) of section 12-81, as amended.
- (d) As used in this section, "bonds" means any bonds, including refunding bonds, notes, temporary notes, interim certificates, debentures or other obligations; "legislative body" has the meaning provided in subsection (y) of section 32-222; and "municipality" means a town, city, consolidated town or city or consolidated town and borough.
- (e) For purposes of this section, references to the Connecticut [Development Authority] <u>Finance Collaborative</u> shall include any subsidiary of the Connecticut [Development Authority] <u>Finance Collaborative</u> established pursuant to subsection (l) of section 32-11a, and a municipality may act by and through its implementing agency, as defined in subsection (k) of section 32-222.
- 2053 (f) No commitments for new projects shall be approved by the

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- 2054 authority under this section on or after July 1, 2008.
- 2055 (g) In the case of a remediation project, as defined in subsection (ii) 2056 of section 32-23d, as amended by this act, that involves buildings that 2057 are vacant, underutilized or in deteriorating condition and as to which 2058 municipal real property taxes are delinquent, in whole or in part, for 2059 more than one fiscal year, the amount determined in accordance with 2060 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section may, if the resolution of 2061 the municipality so provides, be established at an amount less than the 2062 amount so determined, but not less than the amount of municipal 2063 property taxes actually paid during the most recently completed fiscal 2064 Connecticut [Development vear. If the Authority] 2065 Collaborative issues bonds for the remediation project, the amount 2066 established in the resolution shall be used for all purposes of 2067 subsection (a) of this section.
- 2068 Sec. 32. Section 32-34 of the general statutes is repealed and the 2069 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2070 As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following 2071 meanings unless the context clearly indicates another meaning and 2072 intent:
- 2073 [(1) "Corporation" means Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated as 2074 created under section 32-35;]
- 2075 (1) "Authority" means the Connecticut Finance Collaborative 2076 established under section 1 of this act;
- 2077 (2) "Entrepreneur" means any person who seeks to organize, operate 2078 and assume the risk for a business enterprise, or who organizes, 2079 operates and assumes the risk for a business enterprise;
- 2080 [(3) "Finance committee" means a committee or subcommittee 2081 organized by the corporation and having the authority to approve or 2082 deny applications for financial aid and to enter into agreements on behalf of the corporation to provide financial aid;] 2083

- [(4)] (3) "Financial aid" means the infusion of capital to persons, in any form whatsoever, including, but not limited to, grants, loans, equity, leases, guarantees, royalty arrangements, other risk capital and other types of financial assistance;
- [(5)] (4) "Incubator facilities" means a building, structure or complex designed, constructed, renovated or developed to house and provide research and other services to assist small technology-based companies;
- [(6)] (5) "Invention" means any new product without regard to whether a patent has been or could be granted;
  - [(7)] (6) "Person" means any individual, general or limited partnership, corporation, limited liability company, institution of higher education, governmental entity or joint venture conducting research into ideas with commercial potential or carrying on business, or proposing to carry on business, within the state which (A) in the case of an individual, general or limited partnership, corporation, limited liability company or joint venture, demonstrates to the corporation the inability (i) to obtain conventional financing in satisfactory amounts or on satisfactory terms or (ii) to locate or continue operations in the state without assistance as provided in this chapter, and (B) demonstrates to the corporation that any project for research into or the development of specific technologies, products, devices, techniques or procedures or the marketing of services based on the use of such technologies, products, devices, techniques or procedures for which assistance under this chapter, is sought, (i) will create new or retain existing jobs in the state, (ii) will result in an increase in the amount of goods or services exported from the state, (iii) will help to strengthen the economy of the state, or (iv) will promote the development and utilization of technology in the state;
- [(8)] (7) "Product" means any technology, device, technique, service or process, which is or may be exploitable commercially; such term shall not refer to pure research but shall be construed to apply to such

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- [(9)] (8) "Research" means the scientific and engineering analysis,
- 2120 investigation, collection of ideas and inquiry into concepts, processes
- 2121 and techniques, the purpose of which is intended to result in a
- 2122 commercially feasible product, process or technique;
- [(10)] (9) "Seed venture" means a business or other entity in the early
- 2124 stage of development;
- 2125 [(11)] (10) "Technical peer review committee" means a committee,
- 2126 subcommittee or other entity organized by the corporation to provide
- 2127 advice and counsel concerning the technological, marketing and
- 2128 management feasibility of projects in connection with each application
- 2129 for financial and technical assistance;
- 2130 [(12)] (11) "Technology" means the conversion of basic scientific
- 2131 research into processes, techniques and products which may have
- 2132 commercial potential;
- 2133 [(13)] (12) "Advanced technology center" means a cooperative
- 2134 research center in a specified field of science and technology
- established and funded, subject to the requirements in sections 32-40a,
- 2136 32-40b and 32-40c, through an academic, industrial and governmental
- 2137 partnership for purposes of technological research with a direct
- 2138 relationship to economic development in the state;
- 2139 [(14)] (13) "Venture" means, without limitation, any contractual
- 2140 arrangement with any person whereby the corporation obtains rights
- 2141 from or in an invention or product or proceeds therefrom, or rights to
- 2142 obtain from any person any and all forms of equity instruments
- 2143 including, but not limited to, common and preferred stock, warrants,
- 2144 options, convertible debentures and similar types of instruments
- 2145 exercisable or convertible into capital stock, in exchange for the

- 2146 granting of financial aid to such person;
- 2147 [(15)] (14) "Venture lease" means a lease by the corporation to a
- 2148 technology company of any real or personal property, on such terms,
- 2149 including lease payments, lease term and purchase options, as the
- 2150 corporation shall determine;
- [(16)] (15) "Affiliate" means any person that directly or indirectly
- 2152 through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is
- 2153 under common control with, another person, including, but not
- 2154 limited to, any corporation, general or limited partnership or limited
- 2155 liability company controlled, directly or indirectly, by such other
- 2156 person or the corporation, provided, in addition to other means of
- being controlled, a general or limited partnership or limited liability
- company shall be deemed to be controlled by the corporation if the
- 2159 corporation or one of its affiliates acts as a general partner or a
- 2160 manager of such general or limited partnership or limited liability
- 2161 company;
- [(17)] (16) "Capital initiative" means providing financial aid through
- 2163 one or more affiliates and raising the capital for such affiliates, in
- 2164 whole or in part, from sources other than the state.
- Sec. 33. Section 32-39c of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2167 (a) With respect to any affiliate created pursuant to section 32-39,
- 2168 liability shall be limited solely to the assets and revenues or other
- 2169 resources of any such affiliate and without recourse liability to
- 2170 [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] the Connecticut Finance
- 2171 <u>Collaborative</u>, its other funds or any other assets of the corporation,
- 2172 except to the extent of any express written guarantees by the
- 2173 corporation or any investments made or committed to by the
- 2174 corporation.
- 2175 (b) The provisions of sections 32-47, as amended by this act, and 1-

- 2176 125 shall apply to any officer, director, designee or employee serving at 2177 the request of the corporation as a member, director or officer or 2178 advisor of any such affiliate. Any such person so appointed shall not 2179 be personally liable for the debts, obligations or liabilities of any such 2180 affiliate as provided in said section 1-125. Any affiliate shall and the 2181 corporation may provide the indemnification to protect, save harmless 2182 and indemnify such officer, director, designee or employee as 2183 provided in said section 1-125.
- Sec. 34. Section 32-39d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2186 Guarantees issued by [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] the 2187 Connecticut Finance Collaborative, and all equity instruments and 2188 obligations, any of which include a guarantee of a return of capital or 2189 principal by the corporation or the collaborative, under the provisions 2190 of this chapter, are hereby made securities in which all public officers 2191 and public bodies of the state and its political subdivisions, all 2192 insurance companies, state banks and trust companies, national 2193 banking associations, savings banks, savings and loan associations, 2194 investment companies, executors, administrators, trustees and other 2195 fiduciaries may properly and legally invest funds, including capital in 2196 their control or belonging to them. Such instruments and obligations 2197 are hereby made securities which may properly and legally be 2198 deposited with and received by any state or municipal officer or any 2199 agency or political subdivision of the state for any purpose for which 2200 the deposit of bonds or obligations of the state is now or may hereafter 2201 be authorized by law.
- Sec. 35. Section 32-39e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- (a) If, in the exercise of its powers under section 32-39, [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] the Connecticut Finance Collaborative finds that the use of a certain technology, product or process would promote public health and safety, environmental protection or

economic development and such technology, product or process was developed by a business domiciled in this state to which the corporation has provided financial assistance or in which the corporation has invested, the corporation, upon application of such business, may recommend to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management that an agency of the state be directed to test such technology, product or process by employing it in the operations of such agency on a trial basis. The purpose of such test program shall be to validate the commercial viability of such technology, product or process provided no business in which [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated the Connecticut Finance Collaborative has invested shall be required to participate in such program. No such recommendation may be made unless such business has submitted a viable business plan for manufacturing and marketing such technology, product or process and such business (1) will manufacture or produce such technology, product or process in this state, (2) demonstrates that the usage of such technology, product or process by the state agency will not adversely affect safety, (3) demonstrates that sufficient research and development has occurred to warrant participation in the test program, and (4) demonstrates that the technology, product or process has potential for commercialization not later than two years following the completion of any test program involving a state agency under this section.

(b) If the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management finds that employing such technology, product or process would be feasible in the operations of a state agency and would not have any detrimental effect on such operations, said secretary, notwithstanding the requirement of chapter 58, may direct an agency of the state to accept delivery of such technology, product or process and to undertake such a test program. Any costs associated with the acquisition and use of such technology, product or process by the testing agency shall be borne by [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] the Connecticut Finance Collaborative, the business or by any investor or participant in such business. The acquisition of any technology, product or process

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- 2242 for purposes of the test program established pursuant to this section 2243 shall not be deemed to be a purchase under the provisions of the state 2244 procurement policy. The testing agency, on behalf of [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] the Connecticut Finance Collaborative, 2245 2246 shall maintain records related to such test program, as requested by 2247 [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] the Connecticut Finance 2248 <u>Collaborative</u> and shall make such records and any other information 2249 derived from such test program available to [Connecticut Innovations, 2250 Incorporated the Connecticut Finance Collaborative and the business. 2251 Any proprietary information derived from such test program shall be 2252 exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210, as 2253 amended.
- 2254 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and 2255 [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] the Connecticut Finance 2256 Collaborative may develop a program to recognize state agencies that 2257 help to promote public health and safety, environmental protection or 2258 economic development by participating in a testing program under 2259 this section. Such program may include the creation of a fund 2260 established with savings accrued by the testing agency during its 2261 participation in the testing program established under this section. 2262 Such fund shall only be used to implement the program of recognition 2263 established by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management 2264 and [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] the Connecticut Finance 2265 Collaborative, under the provisions of this subsection.
- Sec. 36. Section 32-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- (a) All applications for financial aid shall be forwarded, together with an application fee prescribed by the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u>, to the [executive director of the corporation] <u>collaborative</u>. Each such application shall be processed in accordance with the written procedures adopted by the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> under subdivision (5) of subsection (d) of section 32-35. The [finance

2274 committee] board of directors of the [corporation] collaborative shall approve or deny each application recommended by the [executive 2275 2276 director] chief executive officer. If the [finance committee] board of 2277 directors approves an application, [such committee] it may authorize 2278 the [corporation] collaborative to enter into an agreement or 2279 agreements on behalf of the [corporation] collaborative to provide 2280 financial aid to the applicant. The applicant shall be promptly notified 2281 of such action by the [corporation] collaborative.

- (b) In making the decision as to approval or denial of an application, the [finance committee of the corporation] board of directors shall give priority to those applicants (1) whose businesses are defensedependent, or are located in municipalities which the Commissioner of [Economic and Community Development] Business and Employment has declared have been severely impacted by prime defense contract cutbacks pursuant to section 32-56, and (2) whose proposed research and development activity, technology, product or invention is to be used to convert all or a portion of the applicant's business to nondefense-related industrial or commercial activity, or to create a new non-defense-related industrial or commercial business. For purposes of this section, a defense-dependent business is any business that derives over fifty per cent of its gross income, generated from operations within the state, from prime defense contracts or from subcontracts entered into in connection with prime defense contracts, a significant portion of whose facilities and equipment are designed specifically for defense production and cannot be converted to nondefense uses without substantial investment.
- (c) All financial and credit information and all trade secrets contained in any application for financial aid submitted to the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> or obtained by the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> concerning any applicant, project, activity, technology, product or invention shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210, as amended.

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2306 Sec. 37. Section 32-40a of the general statutes is repealed and the 2307 following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2006):

- 2308 Any advanced technology center, as defined in section 32-34, shall 2309 be established for purposes of conducting research characterized by 2310 reasonable prospects of stimulating development of new business and 2311 industry utilizing such advanced technology and augmenting the 2312 application of advanced technology by existing business and industry 2313 in the state. [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] The Connecticut 2314 Finance Collaborative, hereinafter referred to as ["the corporation"] 2315 "the collaborative" shall require any applicant for state funding with 2316 respect to a proposed advanced technology center to submit a 2317 complete description of the organization of such center, plans for 2318 research and proposed funding from sources other than the state of 2319 Connecticut, subject to the provisions of section 32-40c, including, but 2320 not limited to the following:
- 2321 (1) The specific technological research to be undertaken and the 2322 proposed business and industry involvement in the development and application of such research; 2323
  - (2) A detailed description of the organization of such center for administrative and research purposes, including (A) name and qualifications of the person to serve as director of the center, and (B) a proposed advisory board for such center which shall include members from the academic institution involved and private business;
- 2329 (3) Proposed arrangements with the corporation, concerning 2330 financial benefits to the state of Connecticut as a result of patents, 2331 royalty payments or similar rights developing from research at such 2332 center; and
- 2333 (4) Details concerning the organization and content of an annual 2334 report to be submitted to the corporation by such center reviewing the 2335 progress of research, with the understanding that funding shall be 2336 contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluations.

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- Sec. 38. Section 32-40b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- In approving the application of an advanced technology center, as
- 2340 defined in section 32-34, for state funding, [Connecticut Innovations,
- 2341 Incorporated,] the Connecticut Finance Collaborative shall assess
- 2342 scientific, economic, management and financial factors, including, but
- 2343 not limited to the following:
- 2344 (1) The likelihood that the research proposal will result in
- 2345 fundamental technological advances transferable to commercial
- 2346 application and the means that the center proposes to make these
- 2347 transfers;
- 2348 (2) The potential of the research proposal to stimulate technological
- 2349 advances in existing businesses, new business creation and long-term
- 2350 job growth in Connecticut;
- 2351 (3) Evidence of significant financial commitment by academic and
- 2352 industrial participants and the likelihood that the center will become
- 2353 self-sufficient by the end of the state's financial commitment period;
- 2354 (4) Evidence that the state will receive a financial return
- 2355 commensurate with its investment in the center;
- 2356 (5) The level of representation by all financial participants in the
- 2357 center's proposed management structure;
- 2358 (6) The planned involvement of small businesses and academic
- 2359 institutions in the center's activities;
- 2360 (7) The center's plan to involve minority students and minority-
- 2361 owned businesses in its activities; and
- 2362 (8) The adequacy of the center's proposed mechanisms for
- 2363 evaluating its progress.
- Sec. 39. Section 32-40c of the general statutes is repealed and the

2365 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

2366 Funds from the state of Connecticut for purposes of any advanced 2367 technology center, as defined in section 32-34, shall not be allotted for 2368 such purpose unless documentation, satisfactory to the Secretary of the 2369 Office of Policy and Management, has been submitted to [Connecticut 2370 Innovations, Incorporated the Connecticut Finance Collaborative, 2371 certifying that such funds are accepted in accordance with a plan of 2372 proposed funding for such advanced technology center during a 2373 period of five years, commencing with the year of the initial state grant 2374 for such purpose. Such proposed funding shall include, in addition to 2375 the proposed amounts from the state of Connecticut, funds from other 2376 sources in an amount not less than the total proposed funds from the 2377 state during such five-year period.

- 2378 Sec. 40. Section 32-41a of the general statutes is repealed and the 2379 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2380 (a) There is hereby created a "Connecticut Innovations [, 2381 Incorporated] Fund". Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by 2382 the State Bond Commission in accordance with [section] sections 32-41 2383 and [section] 32-41b, as amended by this act, shall be paid directly to 2384 the Treasurer of the state as agent of the corporation and the Treasurer 2385 shall deposit all such amounts in the [Connecticut Innovations, 2386 Incorporated Fund fund. The moneys in said fund shall be paid by 2387 checks signed by the Treasurer of the state or by his deputy appointed 2388 pursuant to section 3-12 on requisition of the [executive director of the 2389 corporation or his designee] the chief executive officer of the 2390 Connecticut Finance Collaborative.
  - funds or revenues of [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated the Connecticut Finance Collaborative derived from application fees, royalty payments, investment income and loan repayments received by the corporation in connection with its programs under this chapter shall be held, administered and invested by the corporation or deposited with and invested by any institution as

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may be designated by the corporation at its sole discretion and paid as the corporation shall direct. All moneys in such accounts shall be used and applied to carry out the purposes of the corporation. The corporation may make payments from such accounts to the Treasurer of the state for deposit in the Connecticut Innovations [, Incorporated] Fund for use in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

- (c) The moneys in the Connecticut Innovations [, Incorporated] Fund (1) shall be used to carry out the purposes of the [corporation] collaborative and for the repayment of state bonds in such amounts as may be required by the State Bond Commission pursuant to said [section] sections 32-41 and [section] 32-41b, as amended by this act, and (2) may be used as state matching funds for federal funds available to the state for defense conversion projects or other projects consistent with a defense conversion strategy.
- Sec. 41. Section 32-41b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

The State Bond Commission shall have power in accordance with the provisions of section 3-20, as amended, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate sixty-one million four hundred forty-five thousand six hundred dollars, to carry out the purposes of this section as follows: (1) Loans for the development and marketing of products in the high technology field within the state, not exceeding thirty-four million dollars; (2) royalty financing for start-up costs and product development costs of high technology products and procedures in the state, not exceeding seven million four hundred forty-five thousand six hundred dollars; and (3) financial aid for biotechnology and other high technology laboratories, facilities and equipment, not exceeding twenty million dollars. Any loans originated under subdivision (1) of this section shall bear interest at a rate to be determined in accordance with subsection (t) of said section 3-20, as amended. The principal and interest of said bonds shall be payable at such place or places as may

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2429 be determined by the State Treasurer and shall bear such date or dates, 2430 mature at such time or times, bear interest at such rate or different or 2431 varying rates, be payable at such time or times, be in such 2432 denominations, be in such form with or without interest coupons 2433 attached, carry such registration and transfer privileges, be payable in 2434 such medium of payment and be subject to such terms of redemption 2435 with or without premium as, irrespective of the provisions of said 2436 section 3-20, as amended, may be provided by the authorization of the 2437 State Bond Commission or fixed in accordance therewith. The 2438 proceeds of the sale of said bonds, after deducting therefrom all expenses of issuance and sale, shall be paid to the Connecticut 2439 2440 Innovations [, Incorporated] Fund created under section 32-41a, as 2441 amended by this act. When the State Bond Commission has acted to 2442 issue such bonds or a portion thereof, the Treasurer may, pending the 2443 issue of such bonds, issue, in the name of the state, temporary notes in 2444 anticipation of the money to be received from the sale of such bonds. 2445 In issuing the bonds authorized hereunder, the State Bond 2446 Commission may require repayment of such bonds by the corporation 2447 as shall seem desirable consistent with the purposes of this section and 2448 said section 32-41a. Such terms for repayment may include a 2449 forgiveness of interest, a holiday in the repayment of interest or 2450 principal or both.

- 2451 Sec. 42. Section 32-41i of the general statutes is repealed and the 2452 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2453 As used in sections 32-41g to 32-41o, inclusive:
- 2454 (1) "Act" means the Technology Deployment Act of 1993;
- 2455 (2) "Advanced available technology" means a technology or process 2456 that can be applied to a manufacturing operation without substantial 2457 modification;
- 2458 (3) "Technology deployment" means (A) activities that assist 2459 businesses in applying advanced available technologies in their

- existing operations, or (B) activities that assist businesses in the development and manufacture of new products derived from advanced available technologies;
- [(4) "Corporation" means Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated;
- 2464 (4) "Collaborative" means the Connecticut Finance Collaborative established under section 1 of this act;
- 2466 (5) "Eligible institution" means an institution within the Connecticut 2467 State University system which is operating a technology deployment 2468 program on July 1, 1993;
- (6) "Eligible deployment research consortium" means a multitown, nonprofit coalition which is representative of the business, academic and government communities in an economically distressed area of the state which on or before July 1, 1993, is dependent upon labor intensive, less technologically advanced manufacturing;
- 2474 (7) "Eligible business consortium" means a nonprofit business-led 2475 consortium organized for the purpose of technology deployment in the 2476 fields of biotechnology, ergonomics, environmental and energy 2477 technologies or educational and job training technologies;
- 2478 (8) "Eligible grant recipient" means one or more state institutions of 2479 higher education or a nonprofit business-led consortium organized for 2480 the purpose of technology deployment in advanced materials, marine 2481 sciences, photonics, pharmaceutical and environmental technologies;
- 2482 (9) "Small and medium-sized business" means a manufacturing business with fewer than five hundred employees.
- Sec. 43. Section 32-41j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2486 (a) There is established a university-based manufacturing application center program to be administered by the [corporation]

- collaborative for the purpose of promoting technology deployment by 2489 linking Connecticut's higher education system with small and 2490 medium-sized businesses. During the three-month period beginning
- 2491 on July 1, 1993, the [corporation] collaborative shall accept applications
- 2492 from eligible institutions in a form and manner prescribed by the
- 2493 corporation for state funding for the operation of a manufacturing
- 2494 application center.

- 2495 (b) On or before January 1, 1994, the [corporation] collaborative 2496 shall review all applications timely received pursuant to this section 2497 and shall approve one such application. In approving such application 2498 the [corporation] collaborative shall assess scientific and economic
- 2499 factors concerning the proposed manufacturing application center,
- 2500 including but not limited to the following:
- 2501 (1) The eligible institution's experience with manufacturing
- 2502 applications, including computer-integrated manufacturing,
- 2503 computer-aided drafting and design, just-in-time manufacturing and
- 2504 total quality management;
- 2505 (2) The center's plan to provide follow-up employee training to 2506 center users;
- 2507 (3) The center's plan to involve urban-based businesses, minority 2508 students or minority-owned businesses in its activities; and
- 2509 (4) The adequacy of the center's proposed mechanisms for 2510 evaluating its progress.
- 2511 (c) The center's responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to,
- 2512 providing training for manufacturing businesses in high performance
- 2513 work practices.
- 2514 Sec. 44. Section 32-41k of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2515 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2516 (a) There is established a nonprofit deployment research program to

- 2517 be administered by the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> for the purpose of
- 2518 identifying emerging advanced available technologies in economically
- 2519 distressed manufacturing or former manufacturing regions of the state.
- 2520 During the six-month period beginning on July 1, 1993, the
- 2521 [corporation] collaborative shall accept applications from eligible
- 2522 deployment research consortia in a form and manner prescribed by the
- 2523 corporation for state funding for technology deployment research.
- 2524 (b) On or before July 1, 1994, the [corporation] collaborative shall
- 2525 review all applications timely received pursuant to this section and
- shall approve one such application. In approving such application the
- 2527 corporation shall assess scientific and economic factors concerning the
- 2528 proposed technology deployment research, including, but not limited
- 2529 to the following:
- 2530 (1) The extent to which the research will identify advanced available
- 2531 technologies for future deployment;
- 2532 (2) The extent to which the research enhances existing
- 2533 manufacturing in Connecticut industry;
- 2534 (3) The eligible research consortium's plan to involve minority
- 2535 students or minority owned businesses in its activities; and
- 2536 (4) The adequacy of the eligible research consortium's proposed
- 2537 mechanisms for evaluating its progress.
- 2538 (c) The center's responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to,
- 2539 providing training for businesses in high performance work practices.
- Sec. 45. Section 32-41*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2542 (a) There is established a Connecticut energy and environmental
- 2543 technologies deployment center program to be administered by the
- 2544 [corporation] collaborative for the purpose of promoting a nonprofit
- 2545 business consortium for technology deployment in two critical

- technologies where the state possesses unique scientific and human resources. During the three-month period beginning on July 1, 1993, the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> shall accept applications from eligible
- 2549 business consortia in a form and manner prescribed by the corporation
- 2550 for state funding for the operation of an energy and environmental
- 2551 technologies application center.
- (b) On or before January 1, 1994, the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> shall review all applications timely received pursuant to this section and shall approve one such application. In approving such application the corporation shall assess scientific and economic factors concerning the proposed Connecticut energy and environmental technologies deployment center, including but not limited to the following:
- 2558 (1) Participation in the center by multiple private enterprises 2559 including defense and non-defense-based firms with an expertise in 2560 environmental and energy technologies;
- 2561 (2) Participation in the center by more than one public or private institution of higher education;
- 2563 (3) The center's plan to involve minority students or minority-2564 owned businesses in its activities; and
- 2565 (4) The adequacy of the center's proposed mechanisms for 2566 evaluating its progress.
- Sec. 46. Section 32-41m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- (a) There is established a Connecticut educational and job training technologies deployment center program to be administered by the [corporation] collaborative for the purpose of promoting a nonprofit business-led consortium for technology deployment in a critical technology in which the state possesses unique scientific and human resources. During the three-month period beginning on July 1, 1993, the [corporation] collaborative shall accept applications from eligible

- business consortia in a form and manner prescribed by the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> for state funding for the operation of an educational and job training technologies deployment center.
- (b) On or before January 1, 1994, the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> shall review all applications timely received pursuant to this section and shall approve one such application. In approving such application the corporation shall assess scientific and economic factors concerning the proposed Connecticut educational and job training technologies deployment center, including, but not limited to the following:
- 2585 (1) The center's plan to provide educational and job training technologies to industry, the state's public schools, and state agencies;
- 2587 (2) The center's plan to deploy educational and job training 2588 software, hardware and state of the art telecommunications 2589 technologies;
- 2590 (3) The center's plan to involve minority students or minority-2591 owned businesses in its activities; and
- 2592 (4) The adequacy of the center's proposed mechanisms for 2593 evaluating its progress.
- Sec. 47. Section 32-41n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2596 (a) There is established a critical technologies grant program to be 2597 administered by the [corporation] collaborative for the purpose of 2598 promoting technology deployment in advanced materials, marine 2599 sciences, photonics, pharmaceutical and environmental technologies. 2600 During the twelve-month period beginning on July 1, 1993, the 2601 [corporation] collaborative shall accept applications from eligible grant 2602 recipients in a form and manner prescribed by the [corporation] 2603 <u>collaborative</u> for state grants for the purpose of promoting technology 2604 deployment in such technologies.

- 2605 (b) On or before January 1, 1995, the [corporation] collaborative 2606 shall review all applications timely received pursuant to this section, 2607 may approve such applications and provide approved grant recipients 2608 such financial assistance as it may determine will promote technology 2609 deployment in advanced materials, marine sciences, photonics, 2610 pharmaceutical and environmental technologies. In approving such 2611 application the [corporation] collaborative shall assess scientific and 2612 economic factors concerning the uses of the proposed grant, including, 2613 but not limited to the following:
  - (1) The formal participation in the program proposed by businesses actively engaged in the commercial use of advanced materials, marine sciences, photonics, pharmaceutical and environmental technologies;

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- 2617 (2) The likelihood that the program proposed will result in 2618 substantial and timely deployment of advanced available technologies 2619 in one or more of the following: Advanced materials, marine sciences, 2620 photonics, pharmaceutical and environmental technologies;
  - (3) The proposal's plan to involve minority students or minorityowned businesses in its activities; and
- 2623 (4) The adequacy of the program's mechanisms for evaluating its progress.
- Sec. 48. Section 32-410 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate five million five hundred thousand dollars.
- (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the [corporation] collaborative as follows: (1) Three million dollars for the

program established in section 32-41j; (2) five hundred thousand dollars for the program established in section 32-41k; (3) one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the program established and for the eligible business consortium approved in section 32-41l; and (4) seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for the program established and for the eligible business consortium approved in section 32-41m.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20, <u>as amended</u>, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20, as amended, and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization, which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 49. Section 32-41p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

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- 2667 (a) There is established a workplace center of excellence program to 2668 be administered by [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] the 2669 Connecticut Finance Collaborative for the purpose of developing and 2670 deploying ergonomic technology solutions and knowledge. During the 2671 three-month period beginning on July 1, 1994, the [corporation] 2672 collaborative shall accept applications from eligible institutions in a 2673 form and manner prescribed by the corporation for state funding for 2674 the establishment and operation of a workplace center of excellence.
  - (b) On or before January 1, 1995, the [corporation] collaborative shall review all applications timely received pursuant to this section, approve one such application and provide the approved institution with such financial assistance as the [corporation] collaborative may determine will promote the purposes of this section. In approving such application the corporation shall assess scientific and economic factors concerning the proposed center, including but not limited to, the following:
  - (1) The formal participation in, and financial support of, the center by employers, insurers, and enterprises actively engaged in developing and deploying ergonomics solutions and related activities;
- 2686 (2) The likelihood that the center will result in substantial and 2687 timely deployment of advanced technology solutions to existing 2688 businesses in the state;
- 2689 (3) The center's plan to involve employers, labor, institutions of 2690 higher education and other interested parties in its decision-making;
- 2691 (4) The adequacy of the center's financial plan, including the 2692 matching of any state grant funds to implement specific projects with 2693 at least an equal amount of funding from private sources;
- 2694 (5) The center's plan to involve urban residents and urban-based 2695 businesses; and
- 2696 (6) The adequacy of the center's mechanisms for evaluating its

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- Sec. 50. Section 32-41q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- (a) As used in this section "critical industry" means an industry that uses emerging technologies, including but not limited to, fuel cell technology, to develop and manufacture nondefense products for future sale, has the potential to create or retain jobs in the state and is critical to the state economy.
- 2705 (b) There is established an account to be known as the critical 2706 industries development account, which shall be a separate, nonlapsing 2707 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any 2708 moneys invested pursuant to the provisions of this section. 2709 [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] The Connecticut Finance 2710 Collaborative may use funds from the account to provide loans, loan 2711 guarantees, interest rate subsidies and other forms of loan assistance to 2712 customers of businesses in critical industries which businesses are 2713 based in the state. [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] The 2714 Connecticut Finance Collaborative may solicit and receive funds from 2715 any public and private sources for the program. Such funds may 2716 include, without limitation, federal funds, state bond proceeds, private 2717 venture capital and investments by persons, firms or corporations. 2718 Private capital investments may be made either in the account as a 2719 whole or in one or more individual technologies or projects.
  - (c) No product may receive assistance under this section unless its manufacturer agrees to enter into a contract to: (1) Carry out a specified percentage of the development and manufacturing work for the product in the state; and (2) when subcontracting is required, to conduct a specified percentage of such work with companies based in the state. [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] <u>The Connecticut Finance Collaborative</u> shall determine such percentage for the purposes of this program.

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- (d) Any person who, or firm or corporation which, invests funds in the critical industries development account pursuant to this section shall receive a portion of the interest paid and principal repayment by the recipient of the loan in proportion to the ratio of the amount of the investment of such person, firm or corporation to the total loan amount.
- (e) The Commissioner of [Economic and Community Development]

  Business and Employment may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section.
- Sec. 51. Section 32-41s of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2739 (a) As used in this section:
- (1) "Eligible business" means a business which (A) has not more than three hundred employees at any time during the preceding twelve months and (B) is engaged in biotechnology, pharmaceutical or photonics research, development or production in the state; and
  - (2) "Eligible commercial property" means (A) real or personal property which an eligible business has (i) owned or leased and (ii) utilized at all times during the preceding twelve months or (B) real property which the Commissioner of [Economic and Community Development or Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] <u>Business and Employment or the Connecticut Finance Collaborative</u> has certified as newly constructed or substantially renovated and expanded primarily for occupancy by one or more eligible businesses.
  - (b) On and after July 1, 1997, eligible businesses and eligible commercial property located in any municipality which has (1) a major research university with programs in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals or photonics and (2) an enterprise zone, shall be entitled to the same benefits, subject to the same conditions, under the general statutes for which businesses located in an enterprise zone qualify.

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- (c) [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] The Connecticut
  Finance Collaborative may provide lease guarantees or other financial
  aid for facilities, improvements and equipment, to benefit any eligible
  business which is unable to secure financing for such items on
  commercially reasonable terms.
- (d) [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] <u>The Connecticut</u>
  Finance Collaborative may recommend regulations to carry out the
  purposes of this section, which the Commissioner of [Economic and
  Community Development] <u>Business and Employment</u> shall adopt in
  accordance with chapter 54.
- (e) [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] <u>The Connecticut</u>
  Finance Collaborative shall evaluate the feasibility of establishing a
  bio-processing facility within this state. If determined to be feasible,
  [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated] <u>the collaborative</u> shall
  facilitate the formation of a business consortium, in which it may
  participate, to launch and operate such facility.
- Sec. 52. Section 32-41t of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2776 As used in this section and section 32-41u, as amended by this act:
- [(1) "Corporation" means Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated as created under section 32-35]
- 2779 (1) "Collaborative" means the Connecticut Finance Collaborative 2780 established under section 1 of this act; and
- (2) "Eligible participant" means a member of the faculty or a researcher engaged in applied research and development at any Connecticut college or university that agrees to participate in a high technology research and development program established by the corporation.
- Sec. 53. Section 32-41u of the general statutes is repealed and the

- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2788 (a) There is established a high technology research and development 2789 program to be administered by the corporation for the purpose of 2790 promoting collaboration between businesses and colleges and 2791 universities in this state in advanced materials, aerospace, bioscience, 2792 energy and environmental systems, information technology, applied 2793 optics, microelectronics and other high technology fields. The 2794 [corporation] collaborative may accept applications to the program 2795 from eligible participants in a form and manner prescribed by the 2796 [corporation] collaborative.
- (b) In approving any application the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> shall assess the collaborative nature of the proposal as well as scientific and economic factors, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (1) The formal participation in the proposal by businesses actively engaged in the commercial use of advanced materials, aerospace, bioscience, energy and environmental systems, information technology, applied optics, microelectronics and other high technology fields;
- 2805 (2) The likelihood that a proposal will result in the development or 2806 commercialization of high technology products or processes in this 2807 state; and
- 2808 (3) The likelihood that a proposal will result in long-term, 2809 sustainable economic growth for this state.
- (c) The [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> shall provide financial aid, as defined in subdivision (4) of section 32-34, to eligible participants whose proposals have been approved by the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.
- (d) The [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> may establish other programs, including financial programs, in order to attract and retain residents with postsecondary education in science, engineering, mathematics

- and other disciplines that are essential or advisable to the development and application of technology.
- Sec. 54. Section 32-43 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2821 The state of Connecticut does hereby pledge to and agree with any 2822 person with whom the [corporation] collaborative may enter into 2823 contracts pursuant to the provisions of this chapter that the state will 2824 not limit or alter the rights hereby vested in the [corporation] 2825 <u>collaborative</u> until such contracts and the obligations thereunder are 2826 fully met and performed on the part of the [corporation] collaborative, 2827 provided nothing herein contained shall preclude such limitation or 2828 alteration if adequate provision shall be made by law for the protection 2829 of such persons entering into contracts with the [corporation] 2830 collaborative.
- Sec. 55. Section 32-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 2833 (a) Neither the directors of the Connecticut [Innovations, 2834 Incorporated] Finance Collaborative nor any person acting on behalf of 2835 said [corporation] collaborative executing any notes, bonds, contracts, 2836 agreements or other obligations issued pursuant to this chapter shall 2837 be liable personally on such notes, bonds, contracts, agreements or 2838 obligations, or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by 2839 reason of the issuance thereof.
- 2840 (b) No director shall be personally liable for damage or injury, not 2841 wanton or wilful, caused in the performance of his duties and within 2842 the scope of his employment. Any person having a complaint for such 2843 damage or injury shall present it as a claim against the state under the 2844 provisions of chapter 53.
- Sec. 56. Section 32-47a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

Not later than January first in each year, [Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated the Connecticut Finance Collaborative shall submit a business plan containing a summary of its projected operations under this chapter for the year to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of [Economic and Community Development] **Business and Employment**, appropriations and capital bonding. Not later than November first, annually, the [corporation] collaborative shall submit a report to the Commissioner of [Economic and Community Development] Business and Employment, the Auditors of Public Accounts and said joint standing committees, which shall include the following information with respect to new and outstanding financial assistance provided by the [corporation] collaborative during the twelve-month period ending on June thirtieth next preceding the date of the report for each financial assistance program administered by the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u>: (1) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of such assistance, (2) for each such recipient: (A) The business activities, (B) the Standard Industrial Classification Manual codes, (C) the gross revenues during the recipient's most recent fiscal year, (D) the number of employees at the time of application, (E) whether the recipient is a minority or woman-owned business, (F) a summary of the terms and conditions for the assistance, including the type and amount of state financial assistance, job creation or retention requirements, and anticipated wage rates, and (G) the amount of investments from private and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by the assistance, (3) the economic benefit criteria used in determining which applications have been approved or disapproved, and (4) for each recipient of assistance on or after July 1, 1991, a comparison between the number of jobs to be created, the number of jobs to be retained and the average wage rates for each such category of jobs, as projected in the recipient's application, versus the actual number of jobs created, the actual number of jobs retained and the average wage rates for each such category. The report shall also indicate the actual number of fulltime jobs and the actual number of part-time jobs in each such category

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2881 and the benefit levels for each such subcategory. The November first 2882 report shall include a summary of the activities of the [corporation] 2883 collaborative, including all activities to assist small businesses and 2884 minority business enterprises, as defined in section 4a-60g, a complete 2885 operating and financial statement and recommendations for legislation 2886 to promote the purposes of the [corporation] <u>collaborative</u>. The 2887 [corporation] <u>collaborative</u> shall furnish such additional information 2888 upon the written request of any such committee at such times as the 2889 committee may request.

- Sec. 57. Section 10a-178 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings unless the context indicates another or different meaning or intent:
- [(a) "Authority"] (1) "Collaborative" means the [State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority created by section 10a-179]

  Connecticut Finance Collaborative established under section 1 of this act or any board, body, commission, department or officer succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to whom the powers conferred upon the [authority] collaborative by this chapter shall be given by law;

[(b)] (2) "Project", in the case of a participating institution for higher education, means a structure suitable for use as a dormitory or other housing facility, including housing for staff members, employees or students at such institution of higher education, dining hall, student union, administration building, academic building, library, laboratory, research facility, classroom, athletic facility, health care facility, and maintenance, storage or utility facility and other structures or facilities related thereto or required or useful for the instruction of students or the conducting of research or the operation of an institution for higher education, including parking and other facilities or structures essential

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or convenient for the orderly conduct of such institution for higher education, also including equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of a particular facility or structure in the manner for which its use is intended or for the operation of a participating institution for higher education, or any combination thereof, but shall not include such items as books, fuel, supplies or other items the purchase of which is customarily deemed to result in a current operating charge; in the case of a participating health care institution, means a structure suitable for use as a hospital, clinic, or other health care facility, laboratory, laundry, residence facility, including housing for nurses, interns, staff members, employees or students at such health care institution and their immediate families and for physically or mentally handicapped persons, administration building, research facility, and maintenance, storage or utility facility and other structures or facilities related thereto or required or useful for the operation of the project, including parking and other facilities or structures essential or convenient for the orderly operation of such project, also including equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of the project in the manner for which its use is intended or for the operation of a participating health care institution, or any combination thereof, but shall not include such items as fuel, supplies or other items the purchase of which is customarily deemed to result in a current operating charge; in the case of a participating qualified nonprofit organization, means a structure or facility owned in its entirety by, or suitable for use in accordance with the charitable or nonprofit status of the qualified nonprofit organization, also including equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of the project in the manner for which its use is intended or for the operation of a participating qualified nonprofit corporation; and, in the case of a participating nursing home, means a structure or facility suitable for use as a nursing home, residential care home, rest home, health care facility for the handicapped, mental health facility or independent living facility

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subject to the licensing requirements of chapter 368v and appurtenant facilities, equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of a particular facility or structure in the manner for which its use is intended or for the operation of a participating nursing home;

[(c)] (3) "Cost" as applied to a project or any portion thereof financed under the provisions of this chapter embraces all or any part of the cost of construction and acquisition of all lands, structures, real or personal property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements and interests acquired or used for a project, the cost of demolishing or removing any buildings or structures on land so acquired, including the cost of acquiring any lands to which such buildings or structures may be moved, the cost of all machinery and equipment, financing charges, interest prior to, during and for a period after completion of such construction, provisions for working capital, reserves for principal and interest and for extensions, enlargements, additions, replacements, renovations and improvements, cost of engineering, financial and legal services, plans, specifications, studies, surveys, estimates of cost and of revenues, administrative expenses, expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of constructing the project and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the construction and acquisition of the project, the financing of such construction and acquisition and the placing of the project in operation;

[(d)] (4) "Bonds" means bonds of the authority issued under the provisions of this chapter, including refunding bonds, notwithstanding that the same may be secured by mortgage or the full faith and credit of the authority or the full faith and credit of a participating institution for higher education or of a participating hospital or any other lawfully pledged security of a participating institution for higher education or of a participating hospital;

[(e)] (5) "Institution for higher education" means (1) an educational

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institution situated within this state which by virtue of law or charter is a nonprofit educational institution empowered to provide a program of education beyond the high school level; (2) a public educational institution, which, shall be the state colleges, known collectively as Connecticut State University;

[(f)] (6) "Participating institution for higher education" means an institution for higher education which, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, shall undertake the financing and construction or acquisition of a project or shall undertake the refunding or refinancing of obligations or of a mortgage, or advances made or given for the costs of a project, as provided in and permitted by this chapter;

[(g)] (7) "Health care institution" means (i) any nonprofit, state-aided hospital or other health care institution, including The University of Connecticut Health Center, which is entitled, under the laws of the state, to receive assistance from the state by means of a grant made pursuant to a budgetary appropriation made by the general assembly, (ii) any other hospital or other health care institution which is licensed, or any nonprofit, nonstock corporation which shall receive financing or shall undertake to construct or acquire a project which is or will be eligible to be licensed, as an institution under the provisions of sections 19a-490 to 19a-503, inclusive, as amended, or any nonprofit, nonstock, nonsectarian facility which is exempt from taxation under the provisions of section 12-81, as amended, or 38a-188 and which is a health care center under the provisions of sections 38a-175 to 38a-191, inclusive, or (iii) any nonprofit corporation wholly owned by two or more hospitals or other health care institutions which operates for and on behalf of such hospitals or other health care institutions a project as defined in subsection (b) hereof or is a nursing home;

[(h)] (8) "Nursing home" means any institution which is or will be eligible to be licensed as an institution under sections 19a-490 to 19a-503, inclusive, as amended, or a facility which (1) provides chronic and convalescent nursing care, (2) is a rest home with nursing facilities, (3)

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- 3011 provides health care facilities for the handicapped, (4) is a home for 3012 elderly persons or physically handicapped or mentally handicapped 3013 persons, or (5) is a continuing care facility registered with the 3014 Department of Social Services, pursuant to chapter 319f;
- 3015 [(i)] (9) "Participating nursing home" means a nursing home which, 3016 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, undertakes the financing 3017 and construction or acquisition of a project or undertakes the 3018 refunding or refinancing of obligations or of a mortgage, loans or 3019 advances made or given for the costs of a project as provided in and permitted by this chapter; 3020
  - [(i)] (10) "Participating health care institution" means a health care institution which, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, undertakes the financing and construction or acquisition of a project or undertakes the refunding or refinancing of obligations or of a mortgage, loan or advances made or given for the cost of a project as provided in and permitted by this chapter;
  - [(k)] (11) "Participating corporation" means any nonprofit corporation created by a participating health care institution or a participating institution for higher education, or by one or more of them in combination, and to which there has been or will be transferred all right, title and interest in a project for the sole purpose of operating such project on behalf of such participating institution or institutions for the life of the bonds issued to finance such project, provided upon retirement of all of such bonds, all right, title and interest in the project shall revert to and vest in the participating institution for higher education or the participating health care institution or jointly in both such institutions;
  - [(1)] (12) "Federally guaranteed security" means any security, investment or evidence of indebtedness which is either directly or indirectly insured or guaranteed, in whole or in part, as to the payment of principal and interest, by the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof;

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- 3043 [(m)] (13) "Federally insured mortgage loan" means any loan 3044 secured by a mortgage from any participating institution for higher 3045 education or participating health care institution or participating 3046 nursing home which is either directly or indirectly insured or 3047 guaranteed, in whole or in part, as to the repayment of principal and 3048 interest, by the United States of America or any agency or 3049 instrumentality thereof, or by any commitment by the United States of 3050 America or any agency or instrumentality thereof to so insure or 3051 guarantee;
  - [(n)] (14) "Qualified nonprofit organization" means any private, nonprofit organization qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may be amended from time to time, other than a health care institution, nursing home or institution for higher education;
- 3057 [(o)] (15) "Participating qualified nonprofit organization" means a qualified nonprofit organization which, pursuant to the provisions of 3058 3059 this chapter, shall undertake the financing and construction or 3060 acquisition of a project or shall undertake the refunding or refinancing 3061 of obligations, or of a mortgage, loan or advances made or given to it 3062 to finance, in anticipation of permanent financing or donation from an 3063 outside source, the cost of a project, as provided in and permitted by this chapter. 3064
- Sec. 58. Section 10a-186b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- (a) As used in this section [,] <u>and</u> section 10a-186c, [and subsection (k) of section 10a-179,] the following words and terms shall have the following meanings unless the context indicates another or different meaning or intent:
- 3071 (1) "Amount available for debt service" means, for any accounting period, the net revenues available for debt service for such period reduced by the qualified expenditures for such period;

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- (2) ["Authority"] <u>"Collaborative"</u> means the [State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority as defined in section 10a-3076 178] <u>Connecticut Finance Collaborative established under section 1 of</u> 3077 <u>this act;</u>
- 3078 (3) "Bonds" means revenue bonds of the authority issued to finance 3079 a project at a participating nursing home, as defined in section 10a-178, 3080 as amended, which are secured by a special capital reserve fund;
  - (4) "Bond documents" means all documents related to an issue of bonds including, but not limited to, the trust indenture, the loan agreement, the bonds, the mortgage and any other documents included in the closing transcript;
- 3085 (5) "Deficiency" as used in connection with any bonds, means the 3086 total of the following: (A) For any completed accounting period, the 3087 difference between the amount available for debt service for such 3088 period and the payment required to be made to the subject special 3089 capital reserve fund during such period so that the subject special 3090 capital reserve fund is in compliance with the applicable bond 3091 documents; (B) the projected amount necessary, after taking into 3092 account the estimated amount available for debt service, to avoid a 3093 draw on the special capital reserve funds or such higher amount as 3094 provided in the bond documents for the period selected by the 3095 authority so that the state has no obligation to make payments to such 3096 special capital reserve fund; and (C) such additional amounts as the 3097 authority may deem advisable to prevent the state from being 3098 obligated to make any payment to the applicable special capital 3099 reserve fund;
  - (6) "Deficiency loan" means a loan made by the authority to a qualified nursing home to fund all or a portion of the deficiency. The principal amount of the deficiency loan shall not exceed the deficiency for the qualified nursing home receiving the deficiency loan. All other terms and conditions of the deficiency loan including the rate of interest, if any, shall be set by the authority as it deems appropriate;

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- 3106 (7) "Net revenues available for debt service" means, for any 3107 accounting period, the excess of operating and nonoperating revenues 3108 of the qualified nursing home, including the proceeds of business 3109 interruption insurance over the operating and nonoperating expenses 3110 of the qualified nursing home for such period. For the purposes of this 3111 subdivision such revenues and expenses shall exclude any 3112 depreciation, amortization and current interest expense, as determined 3113 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, using 3114 either accrual or cash basis accounting, subject, to such adjustment for 3115 extraordinary, nonrecurrent, capital and other expenditures as the 3116 authority deems appropriate to determine actual funds available for 3117 debt service;
- 3118 (8) "Qualified expenditures" means all expenditures of any kind and 3119 type of a qualified nursing home, including capital expenditures and 3120 repayment of debt, which are necessary or advisable for the continued 3121 operation of a qualified nursing home in compliance with all 3122 applicable laws;
  - (9) "Qualified nursing home" means a nursing home financed by bonds issued by the authority and secured by a special capital reserve fund pursuant to applicable bond documents;
- 3126 (10) "Special capital reserve funds" means the funds authorized under section 10a-186a, as amended, and as incorporated in the bond documents;
- 3129 (11) "Subject special capital reserve fund" means the special capital reserve fund to which a specific qualified nursing home is required to make payments under applicable bond documents.
- (b) There is established, within the office of the State Treasurer, a program to be known as the "nursing home debt service assistance program". The State Treasurer may, upon request of the [Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority] collaborative advance funds to the authority from amounts appropriated from the General

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Fund for debt service or appropriated for said program, for a deficiency loan or payment of debt service on nursing home bonds issued by the authority and secured by a special capital reserve fund. The State Treasurer shall not advance funds unless there has been delivered to the State Treasurer in connection with such advance, a certificate of the executive director of the authority or any officer of the authority certifying: (1) That the board of directors of the authority has authorized the deficiency loan to be funded and made all findings required by public act 97-11 of the June 18 special session\*; (2) the principal amount of the deficiency loan; (3) the requested amount of the advance from the nursing home debt service assistance program; and (4) the amount of all previous advances made in respect of such deficiency loan. Upon receipt of such certificate, to the extent funds are available, the State Treasurer is authorized to make the appropriate payment to the authority for the purpose of funding the deficiency loan.

- (c) The [authority] <u>collaborative</u> is authorized from time to time to extend deficiency loans to qualified nursing homes. Deficiency loans may be advanced in one or more installments and multiple deficiency loans may be extended to the same qualified nursing home. The terms and conditions of each deficiency loan shall be set forth in the authorizing resolution of the board of directors of the [authority] <u>collaborative</u> provided the board may delegate the power to set such terms and conditions to the executive director and any managing director of the [authority] <u>collaborative</u>. Prior to approving a deficiency loan, the board of directors of the [authority] <u>collaborative</u> shall reasonably determine, based upon the projections and other information presented to it that (1) there is a deficiency, and (2) any principal amount of the deficiency loan does not exceed the amount of the deficiency. All proceeds of a deficiency loan shall be made by the [authority] <u>collaborative</u> directly to the trustee of the bonds.
- 3168 (d) The [authority] <u>collaborative</u> shall have all powers, right and authority granted to it by this chapter or otherwise to administer and

enforce any deficiency loan including the right to waive defaults and payments, extend maturities and release collateral. Subject to the approval of the State Treasurer, the [authority] collaborative is specifically empowered in its discretion, to forgive up to one-half of the principal amount of a deficiency loan if it finds that the financial condition of the qualified nursing home has substantially improved and the risk that the state will be required to make payments to restore the subject special capital reserve fund has been substantially reduced. All repayments made on deficiency loans shall be paid by the [authority] collaborative to the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund.

- Sec. 59. Section 10a-194c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
  - (a) The Connecticut [Health and Educational Facilities Authority] Finance Collaborative shall establish a program to finance low interest loans for child care and child development centers, family resource centers and Head Start programs that shall be known as the Connecticut Child Care Facilities Program. Loans shall be made for the purpose of new construction or renovation of existing centers or complying with federal, state and local child care requirements, including health and safety standards. For purposes of this section, "child development center" means a building used by a nonprofit school readiness program, as defined in section 10-16p, as amended, and "child care center" means a nonprofit facility that is licensed by the Department of Public Health as a child day care center or a group day care home, both as defined in section 19a-77, as amended.
    - (b) The [authority] <u>collaborative</u> may issue bonds pursuant to section 10a-185, <u>as amended</u>, for the purpose of funding loans to child care and child development centers for the purposes provided in subsection (a) of this section, including for two or more child care or child development centers jointly, which bonds may be secured, in whole or in part, by a pledge of revenues to be derived from the

operation or use of a child care or child development center, including third party payments made on behalf of children served by any such center to the extent permitted by law. In carrying out the purposes of this section, the authority shall have and may exercise the powers provided in section 10a-180.

Sec. 60. Section 10a-194d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

(a) The Connecticut [Health and Educational Facilities Authority] Finance Collaborative may establish a subsidiary which shall be deemed a quasi-public agency for purposes of chapter 12, for the purpose of improving access to high-quality child care in the state by expertise coordinating in finance, government, architecture, construction and child care, and may transfer to such subsidiary any moneys, real or personal property, of any child care or child development center financed by the authority and acquired as a result of a foreclosure or otherwise. Such subsidiary shall have all the privileges, immunities, tax exemptions and other exemptions of the authority. Such subsidiary shall be subject to suit and liability solely from the assets, revenues and resources of the subsidiary and without recourse to the general funds, revenues, resources or any other assets of the authority. Such subsidiary is authorized to assume or take title to any real property, including a child care or child development center, subject to any existing mortgage and to mortgage, convey or dispose of its assets and pledge its revenues in order to secure any borrowing, for the purpose of developing, acquiring, constructing, refinancing, rehabilitating or improving its assets, provided each such borrowing or mortgage, unless otherwise provided by the board or the subsidiary, shall be a special obligation of the subsidiary, which obligation may be in the form of bonds, bond anticipation notes or other obligations which evidence an indebtedness to the extent permitted under this chapter to fund, refinance and refund the same and provide for the rights of holders thereof, and to secure the same by pledge of revenues, notes and mortgages of others, and which shall be

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- payable solely from the assets, revenues and other resources of the subsidiary and in no event shall such bonds be secured by a special capital reserve fund of any kind which is in any way contributed to by the state. The subsidiary shall have the purposes as provided by resolution of the [authority's] collaborative's board of directors, which purposes shall be consistent with this chapter. No further action is required for the establishment of the subsidiary, except the adoption of a resolution for the subsidiary.
  - (b) The board of directors of the subsidiary shall be the board of directors of the [authority] collaborative.
    - (c) To the extent necessary or appropriate to assure that the interest on any of its bonds, notes or other obligations are or continue to be excluded from the gross income of the recipients for federal income tax purposes, the [authority] <u>collaborative</u> or subsidiary shall take such actions to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, if necessary, to qualify and maintain such subsidiary as a corporation exempt from taxation under said Internal Revenue Code.
- Sec. 61. Section 10a-194f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
  - (a) The Connecticut [Health and Educational Facilities Authority] Finance Collaborative shall allocate from its reserves an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate for a period not to exceed three years to establish a Captive Insurance Demonstration Program Grant Fund. The fund shall be used to provide grants to nonprofit hospitals that establish a captive insurer or expand coverage offered by an existing captive insurer in order to provide medical malpractice indemnity or insurance to physicians and surgeons who enjoy privileges at the hospitals. The fund may cover legal, actuarial, consulting and other costs associated with providing such indemnity or insurance. Any amount in the fund that is not

expended at the end of the three-year period shall revert to the [authority's] <u>collaborative's</u> reserves.

- (b) Grants shall be awarded based on the size and financial resources of the hospitals. Grants shall not exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars per captive insurer and shall not be used to establish or expand more than two captive insurers. No hospital shall be eligible for a grant under this section unless it agrees to provide the [authority] collaborative, on a periodic basis as determined by the authority but not less than annually, information on the captive insurer's performance including, but not limited to, premiums charged, captive insurer operating costs, claims experience, the estimated savings over methods of insurance used by the hospital prior to the creation of the captive insurer, and other information required by the [authority] collaborative.
- (c) Not later than February 1, 2005, and annually thereafter until February 1, 2008, the [authority] <u>collaborative</u> shall complete a report that includes an analysis of the information submitted to the [authority] <u>collaborative</u> by hospitals that receive a grant pursuant to this section. The report shall be made available to the public and the [authority] <u>collaborative</u> shall annually submit the report to the General Assembly in accordance with section 11-4a.
- Sec. 62. Section 10a-194g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- The Connecticut [Health and Educational Facilities Authority] Finance Collaborative shall establish, within available resources, a program to allow nonprofit hospitals to access leases in order to finance costs associated with the digitization of patient records if such costs are exempt from taxation pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended. Such leases may be made available to hospitals on an individual or group basis.

Sec. 63. Section 10a-194h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

- (a) For the purposes of the program described in this section, municipalities, local boards of education with the approval of the municipal legislative body, regional school districts and regional educational service centers shall be deemed to be "participating qualified nonprofit organizations". For the purposes of this section, "preschool project" means the acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, furnishing or equipping of a structure or facility suitable for use for, required or useful for nonprofit educational programs for three-year-old or four-year-old children, including, but not limited to, school readiness and Head Start programs, or the acquisition of fixtures, equipment or machinery for such a structure or facility; "bonds" means any bonds, including refunding bonds, notes, temporary notes, interim certificates, debentures or other obligations of indebtedness; and "municipality" means a town, city, consolidated town or city or consolidated town and borough.
- (b) The Connecticut [Health and Educational Facilities Authority] Finance Collaborative may issue bonds pursuant to section 10a-185, as amended, for the purpose of funding loans to a participating qualified nonprofit organization for preschool projects, including for two or more preschool projects jointly, which bonds may be secured, in whole or in part, by a pledge of revenues to be derived from the operation or use of a preschool project, including fees, charges, tuition or other revenues or third party payments made on behalf of children served by such preschool project to the extent permitted by law. In carrying out the purposes of this section, the authority shall have and may exercise the powers provided in section 10a-180.
- (c) Participating qualified nonprofit organizations may borrow money from the Connecticut [Health and Educational Facilities Authority] <u>Finance Collaborative</u> for any preschool project for which the authority is authorized to make loans pursuant to this section. In

connection with such borrowing, participating qualified nonprofit organizations may enter into any loan or other agreement and make such covenants, representations and indemnities as such participating qualified nonprofit organization deems necessary or desirable to obtain such loans from the authority or to facilitate the issue of bonds by the authority to finance such loans, including agreements with providers of letters of credit, insurance or other credit facilities for such financings. The Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Social Services and the Connecticut [Health and Educational Facilities Authority] Finance Collaborative, shall establish priorities for financing facilities based on need and quality determinants.

- (d) Any bonds issued pursuant to this section shall not constitute indebtedness within the meaning of any statutory limitation on the indebtedness of any participating municipality, or of the municipality or member municipality if the borrower is a local board of education or regional school district. Bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be special obligations of the municipality and shall not be payable from nor charged upon any funds other than revenues pledged to the payment thereof, nor shall the municipality be subject to any liability thereon except to the extent of any pledged revenues. No holder or holders of any bonds shall have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the municipality to pay any bonds or the interest thereon, or to enforce payment thereon against any property of the municipality except property encumbered under the provisions and for the purposes of this section. The bonds shall not constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the municipality except property encumbered under the provisions and for the purposes of this section.
- (e) The [authority] <u>collaborative</u> shall adopt procedures to carry out the purposes of this section.
- Sec. 64. Section 1-120 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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- 3362 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- 3363 As used in sections 1-120 to 1-123, inclusive:
- 3364 (1) "Quasi-public agency" means the Connecticut [Development 3365 Authority, Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, Connecticut Health 3366 Facilities Authority] Finance Collaborative, and Educational 3367 Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority, 3368 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, Connecticut Housing 3369
- Authority, Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, Connecticut
- 3370 Hazardous Waste Management Service, Capital City Economic
- 3371 Development Authority and Connecticut Lottery Corporation.
- 3372 (2) "Procedure" means each statement, by a quasi-public agency, of 3373 general applicability, without regard to its designation, that 3374 implements, interprets or prescribes law or policy, or describes the 3375 organization or procedure of any such agency. The term includes the 3376 amendment or repeal of a prior regulation, but does not include, 3377 unless otherwise provided by any provision of the general statutes, (A) 3378 statements concerning only the internal management of any agency 3379 and not affecting procedures available to the public, and (B) intra-3380 agency memoranda.
- 3381 (3) "Proposed procedure" means a proposal by a quasi-public 3382 agency under the provisions of section 1-121 for a new procedure or 3383 for a change in, addition to or repeal of an existing procedure.
- 3384 Sec. 65. Section 32-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the 3385 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):
- 3386 The State Bond Commission shall have power in accordance with 3387 the provisions of section 3-20, as amended, to authorize the issuance of 3388 bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not 3389 exceeding in the aggregate [forty-seven] seventy-two million eight 3390 hundred fifty-four thousand nine hundred dollars to carry out the 3391 purposes of sections 32-32 to [32-41] <u>32-41u</u>, inclusive. The principal

and interest of said bonds shall be payable at such place or places as may be determined by the State Treasurer and shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times, bear interest at such rate or different or varying rates, be payable at such time or times, be in such denominations, be in such form with or without interest coupons attached, carry such registration and transfer privileges, be payable in such medium of payment and be subject to such terms of redemption with or without premium as, irrespective of the provisions of said section 3-20, may be provided by the authorization of the State Bond Commission or fixed in accordance therewith. The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, after deducting therefrom all expenses of issuance and sale, shall be paid to the Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated Fund, or its successor, created under section 32-41a. When the State Bond Commission has acted to issue such bonds or a portion thereof, the Treasurer may, pending the issue of such bonds, issue, in the name of the state, temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be received from the sale of such bonds. In issuing the bonds authorized hereunder, the State Bond Commission may require repayment of such bonds by the corporation as shall seem desirable consistent with the purposes of sections 32-32 to 32-41, inclusive. Such terms for repayment may include a forgiveness of interest, a holiday in the repayment of interest or principal or both.

3414 Sec. 66. Sections 10a-179, 32-11a, 32-35, 32-37 and 32-42 of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective October 1*, 2006)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following				
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